



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes**

**Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex Community Room
LACOMBE, ALBERTA
April 29, 2026**

Call to Order. 7:04pm

Stacy Christensen, Alison Stangeland, Joanne Day, Jordi Stewart, Mike Luymes, Erin Fuller, Ryan Fauria, Nicola Fauria, Curtis Goulet, Priscilla Blokland, Alyssa Dinter, Tara Worobetz

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Approval of LMH Operating Committee Meeting from March 18, 2026. [Motion to approve by Jordi Stewart, seconded by Curtis Goulet. All in favour. 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 Nicole Fauria, seconded by Erin Fuller. All in favour. Motion carried](#)

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- 4.1 President – Priscilla Blokland
- ***What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains an is immortal.***” Albert Pike. To Joanne Day
 - Awards Night - positive feedback and successful. Overview of the memorial awards was incredible for families and was great enhancement. Roy was happy to be there and share upon his retirement. Food was awesome - possibly more protein next year. **Action:** Social media shoutout to Cilantro and Chive.
 - AGM and Returning Positions: Please confirm and respond. Adding in a new Equipment Manager role. CAW Governor not returning (recent update). **Action:** Please reach out to your networks to identify team members
 - Registration dates opening - CAW after Lacombe AGM, Selects May 1 registration open
- 4.2 Vice-President – Curtis Goulet
- CAHL meeting - Golden, BC has requested to join. CAHL usually has a lock on no further expansion so going to expansion. Association vote.
 - Evaluations and drills - reviewing evaluation software (may be tough for younger groups- may be better for older groups) and would require meeting.
- 4.3 Treasurer & Bookkeeper – Joanne Day & Stacy Christensen
- Working on budget, registration fees and AGM preparation
 - All teams are wrapped or close to being wrapped (one or two teams remaining)
 - Working on team and tournament spreadsheets for next year. Feeling like improved processes and security/management of team funds.
 - Working on year end and anticipating to be \$19K deficit. Combination of many things - e.g. referee increases mandated by Hockey Alberta; cash raffle (less tickets sold by each member and not accounted in revenue side); jerseys; evaluations when it continued beyond pilot. Minimal registration fee increases over last few years and have approved deficit budgets.
 - Ice - stayed pretty consistent at \$218K
 - Hockey Alberta fees increasing
 - Have done lots of jersey purchasing and replacement since COVID over past few years and are more caught up and replacing jerseys only as needed. U18 and then U15 jerseys likely in next few years.
 - Chose a team from each division to review team financials to see if there's anything to add or improve. Overall, teams doing well.

- 4.4 Game & Conduct – Nicole Fauria
 - Game and Conduct Manual refresh for next year.
 - Looking to have managers and treasurers register on RAMP to track and monitor CRC
- 4.5 Secretary – Alyssa Dinter
 - AGM preparation - notice going out shortly. Position descriptions
 - Social media promotion
- 4.6 Past President – Amy Richter
- 4.7 Administration- Alison Stangeland
 - RAMP and website updates
 - City facility updates
 - Making a mini stick area by the office and make an area for the kids
 - Flex room will turn into warmup room
 - Removing whiteboards for dressing room assignments and will go to TV's (won't be scrolling - will stay static so won't scroll)
 - Adding whiteboards to the back ice dressing rooms (partnership with Reds)
 - Introducing Lacombe Arena User Policy - will have to get all our users to sign off on (e.g. no kids in time box, code of conduct for rink). What about members who are not in good standing? Alison will take it back to the City. A draft will be shared with us for review. Hoping to finalize by September 1. Also creating one for Tournaments for Tournament Coordinator and send to incoming teams. Intend to post in dressing rooms and time boxes. Consider usage of QR codes to share information
 - Respect in Sport changing to Shift Forward - only those whose RIS has expired will need to take it as part of transition
 - Fundraiser Proposal: One day Corn Hole tournament out of curling lounge (Alison, Cheyne Law, Kim Somerville-Keehn volunteered to organize). BBQ, bar, prize table. Use Curling Rink - August 29 (before evaluations start). Open for public and separate from Welcome Back Breakfast.
 - U9/U11 Games: To enable usage of drop clock and we have to declare with CAHL before season starts.
 - Adherence to ice times: City exploring guidelines/reinforcement for being on ice early/late. Will need to communicate to teams. More details to come. Biggest potential impacts for U7 and U9 divisions. May need to look at adding to Ice Policy.

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS (TABLED for April meeting)

- 5.1. Intro to Hockey (U5, U7 and Rocket Launchers) – Brendan Futrell
- 5.2. U9 – Tara Worobetz
- 5.3. U11 – Stephen Cox
- 5.4. U13 – Jordi Stewart
- 5.5. U15 – Ryan Fauria
- 5.6. U18 – Joanne Day
- 5.7. CAW Governor & Female Director/- Robbin Nikiforuk & Kevin Henderson

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (TABLED for April meeting)

- 6.1. Referee in Chief – Mike Luymes
- 6.2. Referee Assignor - Jody Blokland
- 6.3. Fundraising Convenor – Tara Worobetz
- 6.4. Sponsorship Chair – Teri Lynn Amundson/Tamara Cox
- 6.5. Safety Officer - Alasdair Agnew
- 6.6. Social Media Coordinator - Melanie Callihoo
- 6.7. Development Director- Jeremy Dreise
- 6.8. Coach Mentor – Jeremy Dreise (Lead) / Joe Bouvier / Casey Calihoo / Jon Sydenham / Tyler Guppy
- 6.9. Central Alberta Selects Governor – Brent Talsma
- 6.10. Tournament Coordinator - Alyssa Dinter
- 6.11. Special Events Coordinator- Erin Fuller
- 6.12. Rockets Give Back Coordinator - Heather Agnew

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1. Cash Raffle Survey Update

- Will maintain status quo based on survey feedback (was split fairly evenly from survey). Keeping it more administratively easy. Need to do more communication on casino's and how frequently we get them.
- If there are ideas for fundraisers for association, please bring them forward.
- 7.2. Special Event Promo Budget
 - Reviewed and added to our upcoming budget
- 7.3. Fundraising Convenor Exemption from Cash Raffle
 - AGLC rules indicate that the raffle organizer can't sell to family, spouses of immediate family or cannot buy themselves. In past, have been expected to sell for their player(s).
 - **Motion:** That the Fundraising Convenor volunteer be exempt from the requirement to participate in the Association's annual cash raffle their player(s), in recognition of the responsibilities associated with the role and AGLC licensing requirements. The team(s) where there is a player, will be included in any benefits the team may receive from the association fundraiser(s). Motion made by Erin Fuller, seconded by Jordi Stewart. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 7.4. 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. Budget 2026/27 Overview
 - See updates above
- 8.2. LMHA Handbook Update Process
 - Moving to biannual updates (e.g. twice per season - considering before end of season and beginning of next season). Trying to limit the changes of the Handbook throughout the year for those who have paper copies to keep consistency.
 - Will keep memos throughout the year of items looking to update unless there is something critical.
 - Looking to create a version overview indicating what has changed for players/families/key volunteer roles to be aware of
 - Looking to solicit feedback from Coaches and Managers to see if there are opportunities for improvement.
- 8.3. LMHA Handbook Section 2 Update
 - Looking to manage volunteer roles
 - Better distribute responsibilities, want better engagement and encourage people to come forward and participate in the fun.
 - If positions not filled at AGM, if the positions aren't filled, the hockey season won't start (e.g. if no U9 Director, U9 season won't start).
 - For Exec and Team level roles -continued discussion
 - More voices, more opinions, better discussions. Less diversity.
 - Want to challenge STP (Same Ten People) - hoping to get volunteers for younger divisions.
 - **Decision:** At AGM, ideally, one person holds one role to share. Can choose to revisit it after.

Adjourn 8:18PM. Next meeting date June (TBD) Gary Moe Sportsplex