



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

**Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex Community Room
LACOMBE, ALBERTA
February 18, 2026**

Call to Order. 7:02

Jeremy Dreise, Jordi Stewart, Nicole Fauria, Ryan Fauria, Priscilla Blokland, Alyssa Dinter, Stacy Christensen, Curtis Goulet, Stephen Cox, Robbin Nikiforuk, Heather Agnew, Alison Stangeland, Tara Worobetz

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Approval of LMH Operating Committee Meeting from January 21, 2026. [Motion to approve by Nicole Fauria, seconded by Heather Agnew. 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 Heather Agnew, seconded by Jordi Stewart. All in favour. Motion carried.](#)

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1 President – Priscilla Blokland

- Life Savers
 - U11 CAW Manager Michelle for Female Hockey Day
 - Heather Agnew Rockets Give Back Coordinator for all she does - great job at the Seniors Lodge!
 - Life Savers given to Priscilla and Curtis from Nicole -appreciate the teamwork and collaboration.
- Positions Coming Up and intentions to stay on
 - President & Treasurer Executive positions coming up being an even year
 - Known positions coming vacant for next year include Social Media Coordinator, Tournament Coordinator, all CAW Board positions
 - **Action:** Let Alyssa know if you're not staying on - trying to seek nominations in advance of the AGM. Give some thought on who to reach out to.
 - Tara-started putting together a job description and work plan to have things laid out for the next person. Helpful to see what they're signing up for.
 - **Action to Operating Committee:** Create position description/outline
 - **Action for Alyssa & Mel:** target social media posts for positions coming up vacant
- Awards Nights
 - April 9th at LMC for U13-U18 (CAS, CAW & Rockets)
 - April 12th at Arena for U11 (CAS, CAW & Rockets)
 - March 15th - Ball Hockey Tournament for U9's
 - Official Night TBD
 - Note-no siblings for U11+ due to space constraints
- Awards
 - Members should have received description and nomination form for Coach of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Achievement (determined this is as required and not necessarily an annual award)
 - Coaches working on awards for their teams (different awards for each division - some 3 and some 5-6 but not 6/7 haha)

4.2 Vice-President – Curtis Goulet

- CAHL meeting before playoffs starting. Conduct of parents, player and coaches discussed at length. Over 1700 game suspensions throughout the season. 102 of those

were coaches. Suspensions are overall up, but U18 are down 24%. Surprising number of suspensions in U11 and U13 with many also in U15.

- Coach suspensions were due to social media, some conduct of spectators and have banned some spectators from some facilities.
- RDMH and LMHA initial discussions for NBC for U15 and U18 to support advance planning. Camrose has a U18NBC playing in Edmonton.

4.3 **Treasurer & Bookkeeper – Joanne Day & Stacy Christensen**

- Stalled on \$3,000 left owing. \$1000 will likely not be collected and players profiles blocked next year. \$860 within LMHA remaining.
- Have billed one team for leaving dressing room a mess (not an LMHA team).
- Have met with ATB and working on connecting with a second bank in town. Not a big rush right now - will look at it over the summer.
- If no objections, will use MNP for year end financials
- Volunteer Appreciation - [Motion to add \\$250 to the original budget of \\$350 for Volunteer Appreciation. Motion made by Curtis Goulet, seconded by Ryan Fauria. All in favour. Motion Carried](#)
 - Had over 40 volunteers attend - very successful.
- Overall, volunteer appreciation was well attended and positive feedback received.
- **Action for Directors:** Reminder for Managers to ensure jersey cleaning cheque are submitted and they'll be deposited around March 1.
- **Action for Directors:** Reminder for coaches and teams that ultimate goal isn't to win, but a safe place to land, have fun, make relationships, learn - focus on the positives.

4.4 **Game & Conduct – Nicole Fauria**

- Busy in G&C investigations.
- Still hoping to get to Game and Conduct Resource Manual

4.5 **Secretary – Alyssa Dinter**

- Bylaws
 - No success receiving quotes to date with expanded reachouts to law firms
 - Stacy/Alyssa reviewing updates that can be made in house - focus on Committee positions, meetings, and quorum
- Year End Planning
 - Supporting Executive with year-end planning and coordination as needed (eg Cash Raffle survey, Awards descriptions, agenda planning)
- Exhibition Games
 - With playoffs and movement to exhibition games for some teams, friendly reminder to please ensure these are submitted for home games. Anticipating to see an increase over next few weeks

4.6 **Past President – Amy Richter**

4.7 **Administration- Alison Stangeland**

- Ice
 - being giving it out for playoffs. Plan to do Stick & Puck time and family skate if can't find teams.
 - Reminder that teams must still use practices.
 - Last day of practice ice is Friday, March 20
 - If teams are still going to a tournament, will schedule for them.
 - Starting to plan for ice for next season - if anybody has any changes or ideas for practices next year
- Spring ID Skates
 - People will pay only by CC to limit EMT - with quick turnaround looking to just get it done more efficiently
- Head Coach Application for AA
 - Working on the Ad for all divisions, may still have some returning coaches. Will post the honorarium this year. HC receives a pool, and will often allocate to ACs as well. Is different for everybody.
- Equipment
 - Jerseys for next year - not planning to retire any. We'll go through every set of jerseys and look for damaged ones and what may need to be replaced. Also seen some huge variance in sizes to have better size distribution. Look at getting some varying sizing to fit the kids properly

- Suggestion-if getting an extra size of jerseys, do the sizes in reverse (e.g. bigger sizes are smaller numbers)
- CAW-need to look at sizes as a whole and look at what we need.
- Awards
 - Sent player award survey to coaches. Will follow up with them in a week
 - Association awards - only accept through Members.
- AEHL meeting on team formation
 - Working on many things - struggle as rural AA association compared to City. Want to amend things based on what works for them when there's multiple levels. Our kids go to lots of different associations all the time. Limited insight to dynamic challenges in rural.

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

- 5.1. **Intro to Hockey (U5, U7 and Rocket Launchers) – Brendan Futrell**
 - Rocket Launchers has a game in Sylvan and hosting back in Lacombe.
- 5.2. **U9 – Tara Worobetz**
 - U9 has been quiet
 - Tournament went well - heard other teams complimenting
 - All team season wrap up planned for March 15.
- 5.3. **U11 – Stephen Cox**
 - Regular season has wrapped up for both teams and playoffs will begin this upcoming weekend.
 - Tier 2 plays West 39 and Tier 4 plays Camrose
 - Tier 4 has one tournament remaining at end of March
- 5.4. **U13 – Jordi Stewart**
 - Playoffs
 - A stayed and lost
 - B pulled out of playoffs and go to Round robin
 - C's start this weekend. Finished tier in first. Only 4 teams remaining - others went to round robin.
 - Round robin format is new this year to keep teams playing longer.
- 5.5. **U15 – Ryan Fauria**
 - Looking into another program for evaluations to bring forward called Drive Hockey - more AI driven evaluation that uses sensors around the rink and reads the kids patterns and movements and documents. BCHL uses this for their evaluations. \$25/kid to have company come in, or buy program and bring to association for anything.
 - **Action:** Bring more information back and identify other associations that can be contacted for feedback
 - **Action:** Alison to bring Team Genius down to the minimum requirement - think it renews May/June
- 5.6. **U18 – Joanne Day**
 - No updates
- 5.7. **CAW Governor & Female Director/- Robbin Nikiforuk & Kevin Henderson**
 - Female Hockey Day - Jan 31st in Blackfalds went great! Lots of positive feedback. Profit of approx \$1106 from team registrations and the raffle table. Need a committee for future seasons. Report will be sent to HA by the end of the month.
 - CAW raffle - Draw was completed Jan 31st and Stacy has contacted the winner.
 - HA She leads hockey Micro Grant - CAW never applied on behalf of the U11 CAW team. Deadline to apply was Feb 2nd.
 - U11 CAW - league playoffs start Feb 20th. The team is 3rd in a group of 5 teams.
 - U11 CAW team sponsors - 3 team pictures received to send to sponsors, need 4, it has been requested.
 - March and August ID/Try hockey skates - working on setting up skates before the end of March and the beginning of August for 3 groups U11, U13 and U15/U18.
 - Lynden Fischer Memorial Female Hockey Award - Warrior of the Year - Draft of criteria has been shared for review. Quinn Fischer has been asked to present at the Awards Event on April 12th, unfortunately she is not able to make it.
 - CAW logo for plaques - updated to include 'Central Alberta' as there are a few 'Warrior'

female hockey groups.

- CAW board positions - working on director job descriptions to share at the 3 associations AGMs. All positions are up.
- Sponsorship Opportunities - add helmet sticker option to letter for future season Companies.
- CAW finances - approx \$11,000 going into next season.
- 2026/2027 season projections - looks like we will be able to form U11 and U13 female teams. Not looking as great for U15 and U18.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. **Referee in Chief – Mike Luymes**
- Ref feedback surveys have gone to Coaches. Originally email addresses weren't collected, but now requiring email addresses. Goal is to be development focused - not a complaint form.
- 6.2. **Referee Assignor - Jody Blokland**
- Not many games left - need to make sure officials are still requested as needed. If you do or don't need refs, please let Jody know as its not clear on the website if there are games or not. Encouraging Coach Mentor to attend and observe to provide feedback.
 - Some teams are having trouble getting officials due to abuse by parents and bench staff
- 6.3. **Fundraising Convenor – Tara Worobetz**
- Thanks to Stacy for collecting Raffle tickets while out of town!
- 6.4. **Sponsorship Chair – Teri Lynn Amundson/Tamara Cox**
- No update
- 6.5. **Safety Officer - Alasdair Agnew**
- No new injury form submissions, although there have been a few this season. If anyone knows of any injury reports that need to be submitted please reach out.
 - Clarified that med kits are returned with equipment return.
 - **Action:** Executive to discuss what to do with Med Kit Restock fee and how to apply the new Handbook procedure. Result will be communicated to teams.
- 6.6. **Social Media Coordinator - Melanie Callihoo**
- Sponsorship recognition posts are done and pre-scheduled to occur daily up until March 5.
 - Reminders are also scheduled over the next 1-2 months about the awards events.
 - Planning to do a few more posts with the young players at the Generals game. Haven't been able to keep up with those this season.
 - **Action:** With this position coming vacant, promote that we provide Canva paid for the volunteer when we promote the position.
- 6.7. **Development Director- Jeremy Dreise**
- Skate are going well this year - have been same 10-12 kids all year some part
 - U9 coaches are using last 3 Fridays of after school ice to do Intro to Full Ice. Can request refs to come and join
 - Looking to see if Joe will come out to do some hitting with just U13
 - U15 working on mixing teams and doing 3:3 to keep playing but something different
 - U18 just starting playoffs
- 6.8. **Coach Mentor – Jeremy Dreise (Lead) / Joe Bouvier / Casey Calihoo / Jon Sydenham / Tyler Guppy**
- No update
- 6.9. **Central Alberta Selects Governor – Brent Talsma**
- No update
- 6.10. **Tournament Coordinator - Alyssa Dinter**
- U7 (final numbers)
 - Registration fees-\$117.53 returned to LMHA
 - Fundraising - LMHA 20%: \$682.59
 - Per team return: \$910
 - U9 (near final numbers)
 - Registration fees - TBD
 - Fundraising - LMHA 20%: \$1,010.00

- Per team return: \$1,150 (originally \$1,346.67 per team - \$590.01 in excess back to LMHA per policy)
- U11
 - No update
- Conducting lessons learned for 26/27 recommendations
- 6.11. **Special Events Coordinator- Erin Fuller**
 - Awards nights meeting held. March 17 is next meeting. Needing volunteers to show up.
 - U11 has switched this year to do more breakfast type approach then swimming.
- 6.12. **Rockets Give Back Coordinator - Heather Agnew**
 - February Give Back - Lacombe Seniors Lodge, handed out roses to residents, Rockets with Roses!! Good turn out, mostly U15, was hoping for younger Rockets.
 - Looking in to organising a Rockets All-Star Skills Competition - prize - donate to charity of choice. Showcase players in events like Fastest skater, Hardest shot and Accuracy shot etc. \$10 per skater, leaderboard to add to the competition!!
 - [Motion to spend up to \\$200 for the Rockets with Roses. Motion made by Nicole Fauria, seconded by Curtis Goulet. All in favour. Motion carried.](#)
 - **Action:** Next year, consider each team donating \$20 for Rockets Give Back to have a starting pot. Or maybe consider Mr. Mikes for bottles? Stacy to follow up

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1. LMHA Handbook Amendments - Game and Conduct Updates
 - Bringing in wording from HA and HC to keep the area current
 - [Motion to accept the changes outlined in the attachment "Proposed Changes to Handbook - Game and Conduct Considerations" for incorporation and update in the LMHA Handbook. Motion made by Jordi Stewart, seconded by Heather Agnew. All in favour. Motion carried](#)
- 7.2. Tabled to future planning for 2026/27
 - Promo Budget & Potential Items (e.g. Special Event giveaways)
 - Volunteer Bond/Requirements
 - Baseline Concussion Testing
 - Bylaw Update
 - Honouraria Position Job Description Review
 - Fundraising Convenor exemption from raffle
 - Evaluation Review
 - Sponsorship & Apparel - U7 Jersey Sponsor approach; apparel sponsorship clarification

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. Cash Raffle/Association Fundraiser Feedback
 - Survey sent to members for feedback - this is not a VOTE just a query
- 8.2. Roy's Retirement Planning
 - Will do a jersey with "Roy" on the back and number 26.
 - Likely presenting end of March.
 - Worked for 27 years with City of Lacombe
 - Come for dinner to LMHA Awards night.
 - Joanne to connect with other user groups (e.g. Generals, Figure Skating, Ringette)
- 8.3. Volunteer Roles & Limitations
 - Looking to amend handbook or possibly bylaws to limit Exec positions from also holding an Operating Committee position. We have a lot of volunteer roles to fill and potentially conflict of interest and its often the Same 10 People (trying to get more hands involved)
 - Consider exit interviews for outgoing Ops Committee or key volunteer roles

Adjourn 8:36pm. Next meeting date March 18, 2026 7-9pm Gary Moe Sportsplex