



LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex Community Room

LACOMBE, ALBERTA

August 31, 2026

Call to Order 705pm. Alyssa Dinter, Priscilla Blokland, Ryan Fauria, Nicole Fauria, Kevin Livingstone, Devon Martin, Michelle McIntyre, Jordi Stewart, Brie Huston, Becca Plunkett, Angela Caleo, Rhandi Douglas, Traci Law, Samantha Vezina, Jeremy Dreise, Stacy Christensen, Mark Luymes, Erin Fuller, Curtis Goulet, Mike Luymes, Alison Stangeland

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Approval of LMH Operating Committee Meeting from July 15, 2026. [Motion to approve by Angela Caleo, seconded by Ryan Fauria. No opposed. No abstained. 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 Angela Caleo. No opposed. No abstained. Motion carried.](#)

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1 President – Priscilla Blokland

- Lifesavers - Executive for support. Alison
- Meeting protocol-prepare and review in advance, acknowledge if you're comfortable with what is presented. Update slides ahead of time. Add new business items to the agenda for discussion if required.
- Critical for Handbook, G&C, Financial Policies to be passed tonight OR no later than our next meeting September 15th! **Action** critical to review in advance so its all in play before the season starts.
- Apparel
 - Fan Look Books - Ready September 4th
 - Store Launches on September 20th
 - General for everybody and fanware
 - Team Look Books- Ready September 4th
 - Store Launches on September 30th
 - More focused on the player apparel.
 - Apparel sizing September 18/19/20 at arena; volunteers?
 - **Action:** Social media post and promotion; looking for volunteers.
- Budget Increase anticipated: Ref Fees increased....U15 and up possibly for January
- Come Try Hockey - cancelled, Maxed on registrations for ALL divisions
- Welcome Back Breakfast (CAS, CAW, Rockets)- September 26th
 - Put on by Executive & Operating Committee so we WILL need all hands on deck for this
 - Erin is spearheading while Brie is focussing on Blackfalds Bulldogs Game
- Volunteer Shirts - in new business

4.2 Vice-President – Curtis Goulet

- Evaluations - Drills updated for players and goalies (will be updated goalie eval info in Handbook)
 - SkillShark to be used for Evaluations (U11 - U18)
 - Priscilla, Alison and I will be meeting with SkillShark tomorrow (Sept 1) for initial set-up/orientation
 - Curtis will set-up the age divisions, drills, scoring, etc

- Will need to meet with U11-U18 Directors prior to Evaluations for training and they will be responsible for roster entry, and creating groups for the skills/scrimmage sessions
- Eval schedule communicated to Cross-Ice for U11, U13, U15 and for U11-U18 Goalies
- U15 NBC returning to Red Deer City League for 2026-27 season - CONFIRMED
- Anticipating some new NBC coming from Hockey Canada next season
- U16 for 2011 first year U18 players
- LMHA has strong numbers to support this year; is an ongoing discussion with parents in his division and the Directors. Potentially looking to ask that players make a declaration before the B&W game. Smaller centers in higher age groups are struggling in nearby communities with many neighbours making cuts for U18 and not enough players for a U15 team.
- **Action:** Curtis to work with Ryan and Kim on communicating to parents
- Directors:
 - Ensure communication is made with all registered players regarding eval process.
 - U9 and U18, let us know if you need support finding evaluators as not using paid evaluators.
- Evaluation Support
 - Curtis will be away for majority of evaluations and Priscilla will be supporting
- 4.3 Treasurer & Bookkeeper – Erin Fuller & Stacy Christensen**
 - Total Registration fees \$395,002.32 (LMHA, CAS TO, CAW) Balance owing \$52K all Credit card prepayment complete.
 - We have drastically grown - not just through increase in fees so anticipating the budget originally planned to be potentially up to \$150,000 higher.
 - Bank Balance- Operating \$413264.50 , Savings \$73436.57 , Casino \$16664.07, Raffle \$869.00
 - Working on policy updates
 - Setting up team emails and running through how it works
 - Bank meeting phone call with Priscilla & Servus on Wednesday at 10
- 4.4 Game & Conduct – Nicole Fauria**
 - Game and Conduct Manual in final stages to be passed for use before evaluations
 - Parent/Guardian in Bad standing policy to finished with changes from last meeting to be passed for the season.
 - Buddy check ins, everyone seems to be doing well
 - Met with Safety and gave the basic rundown of the program and expectations
 - Updated Safety binders, just waiting on teams to make binder cover pages and if I need to put together any new binders.
 - Have reached out and received back many VSC/CRC and Declaration forms for coaches and other volunteers.
 - Reminder** All Board and Ops members need their CRC as per Hockey Alberta changes. Please refer to the email sent earlier this summer for your letter to take in to the Police station. **Action** Extended the date to be completed by September 12th when evaluations start (note for Directors)
 - Ready to get this season started and assist where needed during evaluations!
- 4.5 Secretary – Alyssa Dinter**
 - Providing interim support to Rocket Launchers. Consider reaching out to Casey Callihoo.
- 4.6 Past President – Amy Richter**
- 4.7 Administration- Alison Stangeland**
 - Maxed out in all divisions for first time ever. 3 U18 teams, 24ish graduating players.
 - **Action** to ensure we recognize the players, families and all the volunteers. That year we had 60 U7 players in a practice at that time and was first year of half ice.
 - Rocket Launchers-36 with 2 on the waitlist and many more emails to join
 - Working on ice - with more teams, don't get extra ice. Working with nearby associations to support ice - they work on different timelines (often in August). Will have practice schedule coming, expect some mornings. Fairly similar to last year.
 - Game ice - all AA ice scheduled - its submitted in July, verified and schedule will come out in next few days.
 - Tournaments - all scheduled. Some changes due to Christmas break - swapped U9 and U11 tournaments. U7 in Jan, U13 at Nov Tiering. CAW for U11 and U13 have one January 31 in Clive.

- Player movement forms on the go
- Respect in Sport and Shift Forward email notifications have gone to Directors. If a parent is getting an email and think they've completed it, have them check back with Alison. Will be applied to Coaches as well when named.
- Goalie skates will be coordinated with Alison, Curtis and Jordi offline.

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

5.1. Intro to Hockey (Rocket Launchers) VACANT

- Recruitment underway

5.2. Intro to Hockey (U7) – Mark Luymes

- On track for 4 teams
- Season start coming quickly

5.3. U9 – Rhandi Douglas

- Have had 2 players withdraw
- Registration #'s at 34 kids
- Welcome email sent August 24, evaluation dates will be sent out once final
- Getting some questions about practice days
- Ideally 4 coaches per evaluated session-reiterate that they aren't coaching and opposite bench of their kid. Opening doors only.

5.4. U11 – Traci Law

- 22 players for Rockets Tryouts and some additional for CAS. 1 Goalie.
- Free skates starting
- Welcome email has gone out.
- Working with Alison on evaluations and duplicates.
- Coaches welcome to help on ice but need to be registered.

5.5. U13 – Angela Caleo

- 36 players registered for Rockets, 16 trying out for CAS.
- For a new family wanting to try goalie - we don't provide equipment but can try on for sizing for used equipment sale. Player will need to commit before tryouts of player or goalie. Could attend goalie development skates also.
- 3 Development skates-like Rockets camp. Then free skate (go over all the drills).

5.6. U15 – Jordi Stewart

- All going good. Waiting for stuff to follow

5.7. U18 – Ryan Fauria, Kim Somerville Keehn

- Total of 52 players and 5 goalies registered with a few players on waitlist.
 - First years 2011 - 20 players 2 goalies
 - Second years 2010 - 11 players 2 goalies
 - Third years 2009 - 21 players 1 goalie
 - CAS tryouts 10 players and 5 goalies
- Sent out a Welcome email on Aug 22 introducing both directors and giving a bit of an update for the next little bit.
- Going to send out the Schedule for the Ice for evaluations.
- Have had a few people inquire about the U16 team. Going to send an update after this meeting.

5.8. CAW Governor & Female Director/- Michelle McIntyre, Kevin Henderson

- Two teams for CAW
 - One U11 with 12 skaters and 1 goalie
 - One U13 with 13 skaters and 3 goalies
 - 1 goalie trying out for AA
 - May need to find one goalie a home if AA tryouts don't go well
 - Welcome email went out last week with possible start on Sept 12

5.9. Central Alberta Selects Governor – Brent Talsma, Joel Isaac

- No update at this time-tryouts underway. Kudos to Joel for his first year - doing great!

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Referee in Chief – Mike Luymes

- Lots of new kids
- Had questionnaire for Coaches last year, hoping to send it out this year. **Action** Stacy will help Mike get it moved over. One thing to send to Coaches and help evaluate the kiddos.

- Coach meeting: Will attend the Coach meeting, I ensure some rule changes are communicated, and referee feedback questionnaire to ensure we continue to positively develop refs
- 6.2. **Referee Assignor - Jody Blokland**
 - Ref fee increases U15+
 - Only one ref clinic this year
 - May have a last chance clinic in November but don't release until just before-can't guarantee if it'll be here. Refs have to retake it every year. Doesn't matter where you take it - register for a location that works for you.
- 6.3. **Fundraising Convenor – Tara Worobetz**
 - Waiting for AGLC licence to be issued for raffle
 - Strand 360 offered to do ticket printing for free again this year (print their ads on the back of the ticket)
- 6.4. **Sponsorship Chair – Lorri Guimond, Vacant**
 - Catching up and getting ready to go
- 6.5. **Safety Officer - Devon Martin**
 - Planning safety meeting for Coaches with Nicole
 - Doing first aid kit inventory at Safety meeting
 - **Action** to have two first aid kits in the timeboxes for future this year. Refs will keep them in the ref room and take them out for the game. Will label them as Timebox.
- 6.6. **Social Media Coordinator - Samantha Vezina**
 - **Action:** Will need list of names of kids that don't want picture used on social media. Will receive it from Alison (send email to Alison mid September for info)
- 6.7. **Development Director/Lead Coach Mentor- Jeremy Dreise**
 - Development-prepping skates for all ages
 - Open skate = development skate: rust buster is optional - some drills, scrimmage
 - Free skate = last chance to ask questions before evaluated skate
 - Will be doing development skates throughout the year - doing some reviews of instructors.
 - Reviewing evaluation schedule
 - Coach Mentor
 - Prepping for coach meeting
 - Clearing out equipment room
 - **Action** to work with Equipment Manager
 - Looking for ways to improve our process from last year.
 - Maybe share info on social media when its ready
 - development@lacombejuniorhockey.com 403-598-4285
- 6.8. **Tournament Coordinator - Becca Plunkett**
 - U11 & U9 tournament dates are being switched as January 1st is on the Friday in 2027. U11 tournament is Feb 5th-7th & U9 will be January 2nd/3rd.
 - Kudos to Alison & Stacy for their assistance with the budgets/schedules. U7/U9 budgets are finalized, U11/U13 is dependent on how many teams we are inviting.
 - Tournament Chair reminders **Action for Directors U7-U13 to have tournament chair by September 30.** Include Becca's email address
- 6.9. **Special Events Coordinator- Brie Huston**
 - Bulldogs Game & Tailgate Update
 - Lots of work underway to coordinator volunteers, plan, prepare, organize tailgate/food, liquor/beer garden, promotions, game day activities, etc.
 - Directors to promote with their divisions - this is a fundraiser for LMHA. Volunteers
 - Welcome back Breakfast is Sept 26
- 6.10. **Rockets Give Back Coordinator - Heather Agnew**
- 6.11. **Equipment Manager - Kevin Livingstone**

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1. **Tabled to future planning for 2026/27**
 - Bylaw update
 - Baseline Concussion Testing
 - Honouraria Position Job Description Review
 - Sponsorship & Apparel - U7 Jersey Sponsor approach; apparel sponsorship clarification
 - Drive Analytics software - not pursuing at this time.
- 7.2. **Handbook Update Volunteers (Priscilla)**
 - Limited feedback - September 15 is final date.

- Angela willing to help
- **Action** Alyssa to share a commented version with the group. Feedback due September 7.
- 7.3. **Evaluation Review (Curtis)**
 - Drills are updated with Jeremy
 - Will be adding Goalie content to Handbook - no mention of evaluation process. Looking to take player stuff and edit it for goalies.
- 7.4. **Member in Bad Standing Policy (Nicole)**
 - Will be updated and brought back to Sept 15 for approval

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. [Team Financial Policy Update](#) (Erin/Stacy)
 - Separated financial and fundraising policies. This one is simplified and less wordy.
 - **Action:** Review and provide feedback to Stacy in advance for approval at the next meeting.
- 8.2. [Team Fundraising Policy Update](#) (Erin/Stacy)
 - **Action:** Review and provide feedback to Stacy in advance for approval at the next meeting.
- 8.3. Game and Conduct Manual Update (Nicole)
 - **Motion to accept the Game and Conduct Manual as presented made by Curtis Goulet, seconded by Erin Fuller. All in favour. No abstentions. Motion carried.**
- 8.4. Player Wellness Pilot Project (Priscilla)
 - Looking for a volunteer to review and possibly lead. Priscilla to send to Ryan, Curtis, Lindsey (CAW) for consideration and review. Decision to be made by September 9 if we submit interest.
- 8.5. Fall AGM (Alyssa)
 - Will be October 14. Start with short Fall AGM then move into a second meeting for October Operating Meeting. Only 2 agenda items: Motion to move Erin from interim to regular Treasurer and financials.
- 8.6. Banking Motion (Stacy)
 - **Motion to remove Joanne Day from all LMHA bank accounts held at Servus Credit Union made by Ryan, seconded by Jordi. No abstentions, no opposed. Motion carried.**
 - **Motion to add Erin Fuller to all LMHA bank accounts held at Servus Credit Union. Motion made by Brie Huston, seconded by Jordi Stewart. No abstentions, no opposed. Motion carried.**
- 8.7. Volunteer Shirts (Priscilla)
 - **Motion to spend up to \$1,000 for t-shirts made by Erin, seconded by Angela. All in favour. No abstentions**

Adjourn 8:48pm. Next meeting date September 16, 2026 Gary Moe Sportsplex