



SENIOR COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, June 9th, 2012

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ATTENDANCE: R. Marsh, J. Stephens, T. Stephens, C. Goebel, L. Kemp, J. Steer, N.Ziegeman, J. McInnis, S. Fraser, W. Gyori, R. Wiest, R. Chopek, G. Vanberg, J. Muise, J. Fairless, K. Moledina, C.J. Senkow, T. Ledingham, G. Kallay, R. Virgil, W. Curry, L. MacDonald, K. Marsh

HOCKEY ALBERTA STAFF: J. Haluschak

RECORDING SECRETARY: T. Muspratt

- 1.0 Call to Order** **K. Marsh**
- 1.1 Introductions / Facilities-Protocol
- The meeting was called to order by Senior Council Chairman K. Marsh.
- 1.2 Review of Voting Procedures **L. MacDonald**
- L. MacDonald reviewed the procedures with representatives present using the document included in the HA Senior Council Meeting Package.
- 1.3 Roll Call of Delegates **L. MacDonald**
- 2.0 Agenda** **K. Marsh**
- 2.1 Additions/Deletions
- None.
- 2.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: R. Chopek

Seconded By: J. Stephens

To approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

- 3.0 Minutes of Senior Council Meeting - 2011 AGM** **K. Marsh**
- 3.1 Errors or Omissions
- There were no errors or omissions, except as listed below in Business Arising.
- 3.2 Approval

Moved By: R. Marsh

Seconded By: W. Gyori

To approve the 2011 minutes as presented.

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3.3 Business Arising from the Minutes

- K. Marsh said that the HA Regulation in Section D 10.2 (Provincial Play Procedure) still needs to be cleaned up and updated **and** also a 2011 Senior Council passed motion needs to be directed to the Referee Council and entered into the Senior AA/A Provincial Tournament Regulations Section D 10.4 and the Hosting Bid Guidelines as it was not done for the 2011-12 season.
- Senior Council noted the motion (below) passed in 2011.

Moved By: J. Lenz

Seconded By: J. Stephens

To approve that in all future Inter-Branch - McKenzie Cup (Alberta Hosted) games, the Senior "AAA" Provincial Final series, and the "AA/ A" Provincial Tournament that Goal Judges who are currently carded with Level 2 officiating certification or greater from that season will be used from the local referee zone.

CARRIED

- This 2011 motion was re-affirmed by Council

Moved By: J. Stephens

Seconded By: L. Kemp

CARRIED

4.0 Senior Council Chair Report

K. Marsh

- K. Marsh advised that his report is in the HA 2012 AGM Information package.
- K. Marsh noted that he had conference calls with the league presidents and dealt with individuals on specific issues.

ACTION - The Game Ejection/Game Misconduct HC Playing Rule 4.6 needs to be inserted into the HA Section D 13.2 Minimum Suspensions as our Senior Council motion was passed at the HA April Board of Directors meeting as this is becoming a prevalent issue in the game and K. Marsh noted that as a group we need to continue to protect ourselves with this efficient and consistent process of dealing with Game Misconducts.

Moved By: Jamie Steer

Seconded By: Ron Chopek

To accept the 2012 report as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Hockey Alberta Notices of Motion -

L. McDonald

5.1 Notice of Motion #1: Bylaws

- **New** Hockey Alberta Bylaws in the HA 2012 AGM Information package
 - The group was advised that there is a Sunday vote (June 10th) by the entire membership on the governance structure or the overlying company. Hockey Alberta has restructured itself to do business, and the restructure puts 8



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people at the top and a new governance tree of reporting is to be created. Hockey Alberta is trying to put the right people in the right places. The general membership is supposed to make the approval, and senior management will advise the individual councils. Looking at the governance package Senior Hockey has no problem in Kim's mind with the proposed structure in the package but Senior Hockey will still need to continue to have a voice.

Moved By: George Vanberg

Seconded By: Ted Stephens

To approve the Hockey Alberta Bylaw change to the governance structure as to Hockey Alberta's management structure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Hockey Canada AGM Update

K. Marsh

6.1 Affiliations

- Kim noted that the Senior AA/A are status quo for now and Senior AAA has open boundaries for affiliation but there was a new ruling unanimously passed at the Hockey Canada level which limits the number of Specially Affiliated players a team can register.
- Senior AAA is limited to 9 players and 1 goalie for a total of 10. Ted brought up the issue about the wording of the ruling about the goalie, but Terry Ledingham cleared the issue stating that if you affiliate 5 people 1 does not have to be a goaltender; you are only allowed 1 goalie and 9 skaters.
- Kim noted to see the attached HC motion in the HA Senior Meeting package that was distributed.

6.2 Allan Cup 2015

- Kim noted that the Allan Cup 2015 Tournament will be in NFLD-Labrador Branch and the 2016 Tournament will be in Manitoba. These were both passed motions at Senior Council.

Miscellaneous Notes

- Kim advised that Hockey Quebec might declare a team for the 2013 Allan Cup, but we have to wait until August 15th which is the HC deadline date for declaration of participants for the Allan Cup.
- **2014** Regional Play-offs and Allan Cup Tournament and future events will have four (4) man officiating crews, this was a passed motion at Senior Council.
- Kim has asked the 2013 Bentley Host Committee if they want to use the four (4) man officiating crews and is awaiting a response. That could mean an extra \$3K-5K in expenses; if they do we need a trickledown effect for this coming season. Kumail talked about the officials being untrained in the senior league, and a four (4) man crew could be a tough process. Kim will advise the leagues on the continuing process.



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- Hockey Canada Membership cards (Loyalty Program) are soon going to be rolled out to the entire membership. An example card was passed around to the delegates for a visual look. Rob Virgil talked about the loyalty cards being a benefit to the Senior clubs, and it could help reduce the cost of hockey province wide. It is a relationship with Hockey Canada's sponsors and partners.
 - TSN viewer's numbers went down 3000 people from the televised Allan Cup Final game due to it being on TSN 2. Social Media and Fast Hockey were brought up as viewing issues.
 - Kim congratulated Jason and Ted Stephens and also the Sylvan Lake Admirals support staff for winning the Gold Medal at the recent World IIHF Inline Hockey Championships in Germany.

7.0 Hockey Alberta Officials Update

K. Moledina

7.1 New rules for 2012-13 update

- Kim noted the new rule coming in this year (in the case of an offensive penalty the face-off goes back to the defensive zone).
- Referees are staying the course with the Head Contact rule that was instituted last season.
- There is no change on the Icing supplement but it can be reviewed on a league to league basis.
- Changes should be reviewed on a year to year basis.
- Kim will review the supplements to be distributed in August and advise the members of major changes.

8.0 Senior "AA/A" Provincials

K. Marsh

8.1 Recap of Provincials 2012 – Dewberry in Vermilion

G. Etherington

- Kim noted that the highlights are in his report in the HA 2012 AGM Information package and also for review is the Host Committee Provincials Report in the HA Senior Meeting package.
- Darlene and Buddy Bensmiller had a special Thank you for Senior Council for making one of their dreams become a reality.
- A profit of \$31K was made at the Tournament and listed here is a quote from Darlene as to where the funds were allocated.

"We had decided to help our Fire & Rescue first responders (they probably would have done it for nothing but we felt it was a good donation of \$1500 as we all benefit from them). As well as we donated the rest of the profit to the Hall Committees building project so that the money would benefit more than one project in Dewberry.

The Tournament was a success in our eyes and we were proud to host it and to help out various organizations in our small community."



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- Kim personally thanked Keith Wilkinson and the Town of Vermilion and its ice facilities staff who all went out of their way to make everyone enjoy the experience and last but not least all of the Volunteers that made the Senior AA /A Provincial Tournament a Success. Jaime (Carstairs Redhawks) noted that the tournament was well run and NPHL Vice President Jerry concurred.
 - Also, the Provincial Tournament Tradition has continued with the Tournament Awards and the All-Star Teams. Players were selected and presented awards by the Host Committee.
 - *During the Tournament the Two Hills Longhorns and the Dewberry Mustangs were fined \$300 each for not having name bars on their sweaters as per the Senior Council Provincials Rules. These fines are to come out of their Bonds, which will be split evenly by the other six (6) participating teams for next years' Registration Process. (A Letter was put on File with the HA Operations - Member Services on April 3rd before Teams Bonds were to be returned)...Action Item*
 - The discussion of teams needing to have Name Bars was raised and the delegates thought there should be an increase in the Fine that comes out of the Team Bonds.

Moved By: Ron Chopek

Seconded By: Jaime Steer

To support the already issue fines that Hockey Alberta has administered from the 2012 Tournament and to approve the increase of the Team Fine for **NO** Name Bars on sweaters during Provincial Tournaments for all players with the exception of affiliate players from \$300 to \$1000. **CARRIED**

- Kim also noted that four (4) players and also the Coach of the Blackfoot Miners will be suspended a minimum total of 45 games for their conduct at the Tournament and will also be giving up their \$1000 bond which is to be split evenly by Dewberry Mustangs and Carstairs Redhawks. ***The Ranchland Hockey League office and the HCR system have been notified and the Suspension Letter's and the Bond Forfeiture Letter were put on File with the HA Operations - Member Services on April 3rd before Teams Bonds were to be returned)...Action Item***
- The Blackfoot Miners were in a situation where a game was called with time on the score clock and also their on-ice conduct during the Tournament was not acceptable.

Moved By: George Vanberg

Seconded By: Ray Marsh



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To approve the support of the minimum 45 game Total Suspensions and Fines that Hockey Alberta has administered to the Blackfoot Miners for their conduct at the Provincial Tournament... **CARRIED**

8.2 2013 Provincials Host Application Deadline (November 15th or Sooner)

- Kim noted that the Host Bid Applications and Guidelines are sent out usually in early October. A reminder to the delegates in attendance also went out that the Provincial Host centre needs to be South of Highway 53 (Rimbey-Ponoka) **as per the approved Senior AA/ A 2011 Provincial Zoning Map.**
- Innisfail has expressed interest already.

8.3 2013 Provincial Dates - after the Minor Provincials dates of (March 22-24, 2013)

- Kim reminded everyone that All Senior League playoffs must be done by the March 24th deadline or sooner so the Host Committee can be prepared.
- 2013 Provincial Senior AA/A dates will be **(March 29th - 31st, 2013)**
... **EASTER WEEKEND**

8.4 Provincials Schedule - Competition Format

- Kim discussed the format being a League Champion or a Representative, a Host team, plus a Wildcard team.
- Discussion took place on how a wild card team should be picked and the feeling was still that interested teams should contact the Senior Chairperson to put their name in the Hat.
- *Classification of teams for affiliation purposes, use what date?...* **Action Item for the League Presidents**

8.5 Provincial Boundaries for Tournament Host bids – SOUTH Zone

- Kim referred to the HA Senior Meeting package for the 2011-12 paperwork for registered team and their zoning boundaries.

8.6 Senior B/C Provincials Discussion

- Kim noted that the tournament must be on the same weekend as the AA/A Tournament, and all League playoffs must be finished no later than March 24th the same as in point 8.3 above.

9.0 Senior “AAA” (Allan Cup)

K. Marsh

9.1 Recap of 2012 Provincials and McKenzie Cup



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- Kim referred to his Report and thanked Wes Gyori along with Stony Plain Eagles and the other Friends of Senior Hockey people for the new Provincial trophy.
 - Kim wanted to specially thank Ray Marsh and Chuck O'Neill for bringing the level of Senior Hockey up a notch once again with the MVP awards.
 - McKenzie Cup travelling allowances /expenses still have not being ratified by the Stony Plain Eagles and the Powell River Regals as per the Hockey Canada Regulation B (47)....***Action Item – Kim to send a letter to the HC Senior Council Chairman/ HC officer for direction.***

9.2 2012 Allan Cup Recap

- Kim congratulated the entire Eagles organization but felt that fatigue and the amount of games played leading up to the Tournament in such a short period time caught up to them but they did not look out of place.
- The Chinook Hockey League members echoed Kim's comments and were very proud of the Stony Plain Eagles effort.
- The Lloydminster Host Committee stated they had around a \$120,000 profit with an average attendance of 1100-1200 people for the 11 games. *They strongly recommend using the electronic 50/50 hockey machines.*

9.3 2013 "AAA" Play down Format (Notice of Intent due June 1st)

- Kim noted that only 4 teams (Bentley, Ft. Sask, Stony Plain and Sylvan Lake) are registered by the deadline and their league must decide on the format of the play downs. Will it be that the best of three (3) league playoffs are sufficient or have the Provincial Play downs of the best of seven (7) after the league playoffs?
- ***Action Item....Hockey Alberta needs to advise the Hockey Canada President as per HC Regulation E6(b) of the four (4) Declared AAA teams before the August 15th***

9.4 2013 McKenzie Cup Playoff Format – Alberta to Host the Best of Five (5) Series

- Tentative dates are April 4th-8th at this time.
- ***Action Item....Hockey Alberta needs to advise Hockey BC***

9.5 2013 Allan Cup Tournament

- Kim re-affirmed that Bentley is the Host and all of the games will be played in Red Deer at the Arena.... April 15th-20th 2013.
- Kim referred to the HA Senior Meeting package for the letter from the Host Committee Chairman.

9.6 2014 Allan Cup Tournament and Future Events

- Kim re-affirmed that Dundas, Ontario is the host location and in 2015 it will be in NFLD-Labrador and in 2016 Manitoba will host.



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10.0 League Presidents/ Commissioners Reports

10.1 North Peace Hockey League (NPHL)

- Kim noted that the Valleyview Jets might be dropping out this season and the Manning Comets are trying to put a team together.
- Janet noted that Horselake is off probation and eligible to return.

10.2 Battle River Hockey League (BRHL) - report in the HA Senior Meeting package

- Kim thanked Ron Chopek as he is stepping down as the President.
- Kim also noted that Provost might be taking a year leave of absence.
- Bonnyville and MackIn, SK are showing interest in joining the League.

10.3 North Central Hockey League (NCHL) – report in the HA Senior Meeting package

- George stated that Slave Lake has till June 13th to make a decision if they are going to take a leave of absence from the league.
- Also, Onoway and Legal are taking a leave of absence along with the Devon Barons being accepted to join the League.
- The League has reduced the number of games players must play before being eligible for playoffs.

10.4 SaskAlta Hockey League (SAHL) – report in the HA Senior Meeting package

10.5 Chinook Hockey League (CHL) – report in the HA Senior Meeting package

10.6 Ranchland Hockey League (RHL) – report in the HA Senior Meeting package

10.7 Alberta Colleges Athletic Conferences (ACAC)

- Kim noted that the league is trying to get a National championship going.

11.0 Carryover Suspensions – League Responsibilities

K. Marsh

11.1 League Statistics

- League offices must notify the Senior Chairman and also the Hockey Alberta office **of any** Suspensions that carry over into the next year, so that it can be noted in HC Registration system.
- Suspensions carry over each year, even if you move to another league and the dates apply to the team in the league it was given in. Also, Leagues must honor other Leagues suspensions when players change Leagues.
- AAA / AA/ A Provincials – Suspensions of players/team officials for Game Misconducts/ Conduct were All sent out to the respective League offices.
- A discussion took place regarding the penalties in the last 10 minutes of a game



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- A worksheet with the League/Zone comparison Penalty Statistics along with other Branch Leagues was included in the HA Senior Meeting package. Kim stressed the importance of keeping these penalty statistics and why these are needed for each League.
 - ***Provincial Games – A Team Management Suspension regulation is needed; as some Leagues already have one in their own regulations, this is just to reinforce that the HA Provincial games are the run the same way.Action Item***

11.2 Exhibition Games

- Travel Permits and Game Sanctions are needed for out-of-league/ out-of-Province games

12.0 Trophy Policy

K. Marsh

12.1 Damage Deposits

- Kim reminded everyone that the Teams and Leagues they represent are responsible for any damages to Trophies, and they will be charged accordingly for them to be repaired.
- **The Hockey Alberta office is still in the process of making suitable travel boxes for Trophies....Action Item**
- **Kim noted that a Trophy Policy is required for Provincial Champions to adhere by....Action Item**

12.2 Trophy Return date – *December 1st*

- Kim noted to the delegates that **All** Senior Hockey Provincial Trophies must be returned by this date.

13.0 Communication

K. Marsh

13.1 League Press Releases

- Kim advised the delegates to submit releases to him so that he can get it to HA to circulate it. The more exposure for Senior Hockey the better.

13.2 Distribution From all parties – All Names should be used

- Courteous e-mail exchanges to keep people in the loop on the proper communication structure.
- Kim stated that Provincial Standings package is put together for the media to promote leagues and the League office's should be distributing it to their respective Media outlets.
- Recognition Certificates are also a great way to appreciate your volunteers and this special kind of recognition could be posted on the HA website.

13.3 Communication Protocol



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- The process is Hockey Alberta Office – KIM – League Presidents – TEAMS. When Hockey Alberta sends something out, the League Presidents must get it also, so current League contact information is essential.
 - Kim reminded the delegates that the delay of information when asked for affects all involved, so be prompt with responses.

14.0 Adult Recreational Hockey

K. Macrae

- Kevin was unable to attend, so no major discussions or concerns were addressed at this time.

15.0 Election of Chairperson

L. McDonald

- Kim Marsh was nominated by the Stony Plain Eagles.
- Lorne McDonald announced that Kim Marsh has been elected by acclamation.

16.0 New Business

K. Marsh

16.1 Alberta Senior Hockey League Standings

- The weekly Alberta Senior Hockey League Standings and Rankings package was created for the Teams and Media outlets to promote the Senior Game. Delegates stated it was very good and it had people talking and they felt it should continue.

16.2 Affiliation – AAA

- Kim noted to see the attached HC motion in the HA Senior Meeting package that was distributed. Specially affiliated players that can be affiliated **is now 10** down from 19 last year.

16.3 New Senior League – ECSHL

R. Wiest

- Ralph Weist will lead the East Central Senior Hockey League with Consort, Coronation, Hughenden, Provost, and Hanna in 2012-13.
- Oyen-Wainwright-Viking-Brooks in 2013-14 maybe.
- This League is designed for local players only.
- **Ralph submitted the Leagues Constitution & Bylaws and Regulations for approval from Hockey Alberta....Action Item**

16.4 League Constitution and Bylaws

- Kim noted that each league must send in the bylaws each year.

16.5 League Contacts

- Kim expressed the need to file the updated league contacts with him on a regular basis, so he can keep all of the Council members in the loop on who is who in Senior Hockey.



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16.6 League Exhibition and League Regular Season Schedules

- League offices are send Kim there Exhibition and League Schedules so that he can keep up on the Leagues.

16.7 Rule Changes

- Are every second year and the HC Rule book states that.

2011 Senior Council AGM motions confirmed once again June 9, 2012

Motion: Jeff McInnis

Second: Ray Marsh

To allow Senior Hockey Leagues the option to use of the Rule Supplement for the two-fight rule like the Junior "A" Leagues.

Carried Unanimously

Kim Marsh to take this motion to the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors once again.

Motion: Ron Chopek

Second: George Vanberg

To reverse the Game Misconduct rule for Senior Hockey. Wording to state (excluding Senior Hockey).

Playing Rule 4.6 (c) Game Ejection/ Game Misconduct

Any player or team official (excluding Senior Hockey) who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last ten minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days. A total of ten minutes shall be charged against the player for a Game Misconduct.

Carried Unanimously

Kim Marsh to take this motion to the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors once again.

16.8 Hockey Canada Volunteer Recognition Certificates

- An example was included in the HA Senior Meeting package.

16.9 Provincial Play-downs and Provincial Tournament Hosting Manual of Rules and Regulations specific to Senior Hockey



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- Kim noted that he is still working on a Provincials Hosting Manual complete with the Play-down Rules and Regulations and Tournament Rules and Regulations strictly for Senior Hockey. Once it is complete, it will be sent to the respective League offices for them to address before their representative comes to the Tournament.
 - report in the HA Senior Meeting package

16.10 Websites - Leagues and Team

- Kim credited the websites that are currently being administered and stressed the usefulness of them to obtain information.

17.0 Adjournment

K. Marsh

Moved By: Jaime Steer

Seconded By: Ted Stephens

To adjourn the meeting.

Carried

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 PM.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS started amongst the delegates