

EMFHL AGM Agenda
May 9, 2023, 7:00 PM
OakBluff Recreation Center

Call to order: _____7:00 PM_____

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to accept _____Lindsey - Macdonald_____

Seconded by _____Rod - Portage_____

Order of Business:

- a) Call to Order
- b) Confirmation of Members and eligible voters (review of member list and outstanding fees, fines and bonds, suspensions, etc.)
 - 1) See attendance list attached - enough for quorum.
- c) Director/Vice Director's Annual Report
 - i) Kristin not present, Len speaking
 - ii) Board introduction
 - iii) Give moment to acknowledgement to Brent Wery and everything he has done for this league, eastman and female hockey.
 - iv) Len Epp & Kristine will be their last meeting, they are both stepping down.
 - v) Felt the season went fairly well.
 - vi) Weather/cancellations always came up. Pembina valley was hit hard when the rest of league wasn't.
 - 1) Reminder going forward. The two managers of each team should talk and get in touch with EMFHL age convenor and or director/vice director. Not just the teams.
 - 2) A lot of emails come through, we are trying our best to reply, we are not ignoring anyone
 - 3) Playoffs went really well.
 - 4) U11 - Went well. Brent was more knowledgeable than Len was in this situation. Found out HM requires a round robin so we had to redo the plan and have a round robin. Len wants to thank those teams for their cooperation.
 - 5) Round of applause for Kristin - she has done alot for this board, covid, weather, forming a new league etc.
 - 6) Len recommends in the future that votes be on the number of teams in your associations rather than just the association has 1 team.

d) Age Convenor Reports

- i) U9 - Amanda - this was Amanda's 2nd year doing U9 so it went really well. A lot of returning managers which helped. Thanks to Red River & Carman for hosting jamborees. Hopefully numbers keep growing!
- ii) U11 - Len - Said above in Director/vice director report. Thanks again to everyone for the reorganizing of the playoffs.
- iii) U13 - Rod - Took over mid season after starting with U15. Went really well, always had a little issues here and there but we figured it out. Congratulations to all those who won the U13 categories this year. Appreciate all the managers for all the work done by them.
- iv) U15 - Kristin - not here - Len said her age group went fairly well as well. Motion to accept reports - Kevin -St. Adolphe, Seconded Pat - Niverville

e) Annual Financial Report

- i) See financials attached
- ii) Brad has cheques here for bond returns for those that paid e-transfer or with their team fees.
- iii) Brad took over at the end of February - Tori had filled in until then.
- iv) Some cheques didn't get deposited on time because of the change of rolls. All got cleared up now. Bond cheques have been torn up.
- v) Revenue \$12,600 vs 2022 \$8250
- vi) Expenses \$7407.10 vs \$5456.16 - increase in expenses because more banners and medals & increase in cost. Added central scheduler this year. Ref refunds for a canceled game, the league reimbursed the team as there wasn't enough notice.
- vii) Net income \$5192.90 vs 2022 \$5456.16
- viii) Cash on hand \$11141.56 vs \$15456.16 previous year.
- ix) Tori - We would suggest that next year to please have the bond cheques completely different from fees.
- x) Len - Do we still want U15 to have medals?
 - 1) Heather - This year no need for bronze in our division. Gold and Silver would be good, so it would depend on the number of teams.
 - 2) All age groups seem to like medals - sticking with them.

f) Proposed amendments to Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations

- i) Ice Submission Policy -
 - 1) First half was a lot of ice times to submit.
 - 2) Lindsey - handed over the ice times fine, however giving back ice times was not handed back in time so ice was burnt. Amanda - Ray was given a spreadsheet with ice slots used, please check with Ray.

- 3) A few associations were not given their ice back quickly, please provide back quicker.
- 4) Springfield - Weekday slots is problematic.
 - (a) Stonewall would echo that. Macdonald as well.
 - (b) Amanda - it was for more flexibility.
 - (c) Candace - was also going to be only used as a last resort.
 - (d) Len - also only for closer teams to play each other.
 - (e) Amanda - suggest you go to your ice convenor and let them know in advance so they can prepare when planning next year.
 - (f) Pat - Scheduler for a junior league - asks for $\frac{1}{2}$ week day nights, not mandating. Suggest we can ask but not mandate.
 - (g) Teams will try to supply at least 1 week day game for associations that can provide??
 - (h) Lesa - becomes an issue when other teams are missing their practice to accommodate games.
 - (i) Rod - suggested this amendment to #2
 - (i) Teams will be encouraged to supply one weekend game slot per half, if unable to, no penalty will be incurred.
 - (j) Depends on how many games/teams there are.
 - (k) U9 & U11 double roster - Amanda did the schedule.
 - (l) Beausejour - can we have you guys accountable to our ice back before a certain time.
 - (m) Candace - this proposal also says those teams that don't have ice in then we aren't waiting for them so ice should be returned promptly.
 - (n) Beausejour - There will be a lot of burnt ice because of this.
 - (o) Changed to #4
 - (i) Ice for the first half of the season will be provided by September 30th, and ice will be returned to associations by October 10th.
- 5) Tori - motion to accept the policy
- 6) Amanda - Second
- 7) All in favor - Carried.
- ii) AP Guidelines Policy
 - 1) Springfield - Melissa Jobb sheppard. Why can't players move between two teams laterally -

- (a) Len this was discussed at length. In special circumstances they will or can have it approved. At no time do we want teams not to be able to play.
- 2) Melissa - We had 2 teams of 12 so it was hard
 - (a) Brad - it does need to be approved by a board to avoid teams being stacked.
- 3) Len - It came up with HM this year as well. The policy stands but in certain situations please do send to the board for approval.
- 4) Believe HM has a rule that they can't cross AP.
- 5) Amanda - you just need to have board approval. Amanda for instance PV - I would suggest the team could but it wouldn't always be the same player.
- 6) Len - We had one situation this year where the board approved of this.
- 7) Stonewall - We put a cap on how many times. #11 in policy states up to 6 times.
 - (a) Ashley - my worry is people just say players are sick but they actually aren't.
 - (b) Tori - also you are only allowed to AP to roster size.
 - (c) Brad - HM says you can play a game with 9 players.
 - (d) Is SR allowed to pull from DR teams.
 - (i) Amanda - you are not supposed to depending on the situation you may be able to. If you have a team you can pull down from then they need to pull from there.
 - (ii) If someone is only on coed and not on any female roster they cannot play female hockey.
 - (iii) You would have to ask. Depending on circumstances.
 - (e) Chris - Not sure about being able to AP the same player for 6 playoff games - could be entire playoffs. Team could win because of that.
 - (i) Amanda - If a u11 player makes that much difference in a u13 game... it shouldn't happen.
 - (ii) Len - I would hope the other association would bring it to our attention.
 - (iii) Stonewall - how could you deal with it because it says you can in this policy?
 - (f) Len - Amendment to #11
 - (i) However, there must be a minimum of 6 regular players on the game sheet. A player may only affiliate

up to 6 times in the regular season and 3 times during the playoffs.

(g) Opposed - 1, rest all in favor. Carried.

- 8) Len - just a side note - please make sure the game sheets are filled out properly. A lot of game sheets had no final score, no team names. Len suggests it should be a forfeited game if we can't tell who is playing/score. Should be home team manager to make sure it's right. AP needs to be written in with their name and AP beside it and which game number they have played with that team. 24 hours to fix it before penalty.

iii) Weather Cancellation Policy

- 1) Amanda - U9 not as big of a deal but U11 and up it matters when they have to finish their games before the second half.
 - 2) Heather - U15 - 2 weeks seems difficult to have it played.
 - (a) Amanda - If everyone pushes back to end of season then it will be hard to fit them in, or a bunch of games yourself to make up at end of season.
 - (b) Len - We had an instance this year where we had a team that had 3 make up games to be played yet at Dec 17th.
 - (c) If we see that the teams have made every effort to make the game up, then we would allow an extension.
 - (d) Len - This policy puts a little more responsibility on everyone to get it done on time.
 - (e) Dennis - 24 hour is maybe too short to get it done, maybe 36/48 hours would be more... We have to get a response from arenas first.
 - (f) Len - Motion to change #4 to 48 hours
 - (i) Team will have 48 hours from game time to reschedule and confirm the new date for the game to be played.
- (1) Second Lesa - All in favor - carried.

iv) League fees - \$300 single, 200 dual

- 1) This was changed at our fall meeting, this just now has to be voted on to be put into our constitution.
- 2) All in favor

v) Stonewalls Tiering proposal

- 1) Stonewall - This is similar to last year's proposal. For those associations that have more than 1 team at 1 level in EMFHL

Stonewall wants a tiered option for those kids. Before league came about girls were treated same as the boys. Boys have tiering, girls now do not.

- 2) Springfield - Would like tiering, have more numbers coming up. We were able to make 2 even teams, but the a and c players did not have the ability to develop properly. It's not only for the a girls to play at their level but also for c girls to play at their level and develop.
- 3) Len - Stonewall will start losing girls to coed hockey because of no tiering. Strong feeling if we don't start to tier we are going to lose girls.
- 4) Brad - If we tier are those teams ok playing only those 3 or 4 teams?
- 5) Len - My suggestion - We allowed this year for the DR to play SR teams and they beat the SR teams... I suggest you put those DR girls into the top tier. Maybe don't play as many games, but they have more opportunities to do more tournaments.
- 6) Brad - That would be ok for top tier. What about the lower tier teams putting them against other lower tiered teams that will still be beat them.
- 7) Tori - If we decide to tier - for example if portage (who can't tier) is killed in 1st half, will they have the opportunity to move up? Len - yes at Christmas time.
- 8) Ashley - Is that not kind of how it happens now at christmas? We re-aligned.
- 9) Springfield - It would give you more options to play without being absolutely killed for the first half.
- 10) Would we only be able to tier for 2 divisions? Yes
- 11) How would you determine where the other teams who can't tier within their association go? The female reps/associations would decide where your girls would go. Top tier or bottom tier.
- 12) Dennis - Growing the game... growing more female single roster teams. We have to look at the dual roster aspect as well. There are more people thinking about going that way because they can play 2 groups of hockey. Don't think we are growing the game from SR perspective.
 - (a) Len - When those DR girls see a very competitive tiered roster in EMFHL they will come to all girls.
 - (b) Brad - Don't like putting DR in with SR.

- (c) Amanda - Only PV had DR teams. PV will always have a league for the DR girls.
- (d) Tori - Portage this year trying to schedule our DR and SR/boys was a nightmare.
- (e) Some associations don't have enough to only SR so that is an issue, and doing that will cripple our boys teams.
- 13) Stacey - Macdonald had a AA team this year and we drew 80% of those girls back from co-ed to come play AA. These families said they will come back to girls if we tier.
- 14) St Eustache - We have a small association and we would be happy to tier. Will be disappointed if only 6 and 7 teams and we have to split, but we will be happy if we have enough teams to tier.
- 15) Lesa - Agrees tiering supports development. Traveling is also a problem... even with tiering we will still have to travel. When we tier do we have enough teams, are they ok playing only those many teams?
 - (a) Len - Looking at this motion - the minimum would be 4 teams.
 - (b) Lesa - Suggests a pre- placement tournament.
 - (c) Len - In my history - Those who complain about travel might be the kids playing A2. I think A1 level those parents are all in about travel.
 - (d) Tiering could scare some teams away.
- 16) Allin favor - 14 For, 8 Against. Carried.
- g) Appointment of Executive Committee
 - i) Director - no one was nominated in the pre-nominations.
 - 1) Any nominations from the floor - No nominations from the floor.
 - ii) Vice Director - Ashley Huska was the only one nominated.
 - iii) Treasurer - Brad Hamblin is letting his name stand.
- h) New Business
 - i) Sanction for non compliant (Tori) - Tori - does not remember. Will carry forward.
 - ii) Double Roster Teams - Could they have an extra week longer to have a week for make up games due to bad weather (Amanda)
 - 1) Amanda - the U9 group had a lot of snow days and by the time the league was over they were out of black out fridays.
 - 2) Motion to extend the DR cut of by 1 week.
 - (a) Motion to accept - Amanda, Seconded - Len
 - (b) All in favor - Passed

- iii) Amount of games - Too many? Not enough? Carry forward to fall - everyone agrees it will depend on tiering.
- iv) Centralized location for all meetings? Or keep rotation of regions?
 - 1) Len - Keep the centralized location of OakBluff or LaSalle?
 - 2) All in favor - passed.

Any other questions or concerns:

Wes - When we get to u18 there is no place for these girls to play. There is the Rural hockey league but there is a lot of traveling to dauphin etc.

- 3) We would appreciate it if you looked at discussing a U18 league as well.
 - (a) Brad - Can we put up for registration in the fall and see what numbers we would get?
 - (b) Lindsey - was there not a motion for U18 non hitting league for co-ed in the city that these girls could play in? Amanda - yes
- 4) Brad - suggested putting in a motion.
 - (a) Amanda - we would have to know the numbers early on before the region board meeting and have it accepted before first.
 - (b) Everyone would have to go back to their associations and ask if they would be committed to a U18 division.
 - (c) Stonewall - City is looking for U18 teams all the time, I think the only rule is games must be within half hour out of the city.
 - (i) Amanda - PV and other regions would have to release the teams. Would need the commitment from the rest of the regions before PV would release.
 - (d) Wes - We just wanted to get the topic started and can go from there.
 - (e)

Meeting Adjourned: __9:12 PM_____

Motion to Accept __Candace_____

Seconded by ____Lenn_____