

Elk Island Wild Minor Hockey Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday September 18, 2023

Executive Members Present: Tom Cossey, Jason Carstairs, Ashley Strumelak, Carla Graham, Joanne Calder, Jennifer Sobkow, J.J. Klita, Corey Woitas, Lacey King

Executive Members Missing: Lisa Holt & Amanda West

Members Present: Michael Holt, Tara & Wade Cosey, Amy Kohlman, Kerri Erickson, Tylr & Geoff Roy, Ashley Robbins, Kalen McNaughton, Eldon Klichick, Marriane Andrews, Laura Mehlenbacher, Mandy Sumner, Braunt Pierce, Amanda & Dan MacDonnell, Mary O'brien, Heidi Andruchow, Mike & Ashley Dauhaniuk, Jessie Robinson, Danielle Dagg, Adam Volk, Bryan Ziegler, Cody Jonker, Jason Wytrykush, Kris & Kelly Dlugosz, Renee Lepiesne?, Kevin Holowach, Steve Hanson, Calvin Shiach, Kim Dickenson, Kathryn Klita, Stephanie Hold, Jennifer Mallard, Bobbie Moonen, Kent Wilson, Tiffany Cebresh?, Breanne Martz, Trenton Almeida, Tere Brezezicki, Trish Zanatta, Ryan Brewer, Gaylene Page, Nick McDougall, Chris Paradis, Jesse Johnson?, Allison Cossey, Awasis Monagu

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

North Eastern Alberta Hockey League (NEAHL)

- We are now part of the NEAHL because the NAI has dissolved. All associations voted to join, instead of creating a new NAI board
- The NEAHL goes from Onoway to the Saskatchewan border, but we will be grouped into a Western group, so some towns will be closer, like Vermillion & Vegreville. So there's not a huge difference in travel from NAI
- Check out the [North Eastern Alberta Hockey League : Website by RAMP InterActive \(neahl.ca\)](http://neahl.ca)
- It seems to be organised better than NAI
- A big change is that they use electronic game sheets. If you go to the NEAHL website there are instructions on how to download the RAMP game sheet app and game sheets will need to be done on there. They might start with paper game sheets, but they will be working towards electronic game sheets, so everyone should download the app.
- October 11th to November 6th are exhibition games. This is where teams will be put into tiers.
- November 10th or 11th the regular season will begin. U-13 runs for 13 weeks, U-11 will end March 1st and U9 will be booking their own games through team managers. All of the contacts will be on the NEAHL website.

Important Dates

- Conditioning Camp: Monday September 18th to Saturday September 30th.
- Bottle Drive: October 1st @ 11:00 a.m. Money will be split between teams and all money from the bottle drive will go towards tournaments. This is a completely separate fundraiser from our Meat Draw.
- Regular ice schedule will commence October 2nd.

- Hockey pictures have been booked with the same photographer as last year for November 13th in the Lamont Arena Meeting Room. We may give him some suggestions on having a better background.
- We plan to have a “Try Hockey Day” - date TBD
- Planning to have all teams play back to back games on some Sundays in Bruderheim Arena.

Reffing

- Clinic is booked for November 18th, 2023 at Lamont Elementary School, with ice time from 1:00 - 2:30 at Lamont Arena.
- Right now we have 4 officially signed up for the clinic (1 second year official and 3 new officials) We also have 5 other refs who have said yes that still need to sign up for the clinic (2 Level Two officials & 3 second year officials)
- Since we are short on officials again this year we need to be prepared to call for out of town refs fairly regularly. - Amanda is ready for this.

Fundraising/Sponsorship

- Meat draw
- Meat Draw goal will be \$10,000 with gift cards as the prizes from Malica Farms and Old Country Sausage.
- We do not have another casino until 2027

Coaching

- Tykes: Payton
- U7: Still looking (2 teams)
- U9: Michael Holt & Jessie Robinson (2 teams, one team 1st years, another team 2nd years)
- The teams above will share the set of jersey's, so one will get the home set and one will get the away set.
- U11: Tom Cossey
- U13: Mark Lewis & Wade Cossey
- U15: No team, players had to be released over the summer
- U18: No team, numbers were close, but players had to be released

Socks

- There are socks available at Source for Sports in Fort Saskatchewan. The Association will buy one pair of socks for each registered Elk Island Minor Hockey Association player.

Tournament Dates

- **U7:** March 2nd & 3rd, 2024
- **U9:** February 24th & 25th, 2024
- **U11:** December 2nd & 3rd, 2023
- **U13:** December 9th & 10th, 2023

Budget

- Treasurer went through money coming in and expenses.
- The association will start with \$92, 000 and finish the year with about \$71,000.

MOTION MADE: Carla Graham put a motion forward to accept the budget as presented. SECONDED BY: Trish Zanatta

- 2 members need to audit the 2022-2023 financial statements. Jessie Robinson & Breanne Martz Volunteered.

Post Dated Cheque Amounts for Meeting Attendance & Fundraising

- Meeting fee is \$50 post dated for April 1, 2024
- Fundraising fee is \$250 post dated for January 1, 2024
- Please give it to the Treasurer (Carla Graham) after tonight’s meeting or at your next conditioning camp.
- If you are opting out of fundraising you can pay online or in person with a cheque.

Current Registrations

- 71 total registrations as of today, with some trickling in
- Tykes = 5 + 2 more coming
- U7 = 16 + 2 more coming
- U9 = 23 - will make 2 teams, a 1st year and a 2nd year team
- U11 = 15
- U13 = 13
- After today, Rosters will be added to TeamSnap

Ice Schedule

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
	Bruderheim	Lamont	Bruderheim	Lamont	Bruderheim	Lamont	Bruderheim	Lamont
5:00 pm								
6:00 pm	U7/ Tykes 5:30-6:30	Goalie/Player Development 5:30-6:30		U9B/A 5:30-6:30	U11 5:15-6:30	U9 Both 5:30-8:30		U13 5:15-6:30
7:00 pm			U9A/B 6:45-7:45	U11 6:45-8:00				
8:00 pm			U13 8:00-9:15					
9:00 pm	EIW Practice Slot 9:00-10:00							
10:00 pm							EIW Practice Slot 9:15-10:15	
11:00 pm								

- U9 will have one full ice session and one half ice session, alternating between Lamont and Bruderheim arenas

- Some of the times were questioned. It was explained that there is pressure to fill ice slots from 4:00 - 10:00 with no breaks. Us having lower numbers is against us in getting ideal time slots. There are 6 different organizations using both arenas.
- Carla and J.J. met with the town of Lamont in February
- When we got our schedule this summer, Carla wrote a letter and sent it to the Town and County Council.
- After the letter, there were some adjustments made to the schedule given over the summer.
- The Town Council has decided they will be forming a new board to make sure we can hopefully get first dibs for ice times at Lamont Arena. We want to work towards a written agreement with the town for our schedule and we are hoping it will become a consistent schedule from year to year.
- Members were encouraged to write letters to the town council in Lamont and Bruderheim to voice their concerns about any ice times.
- We have game slots up to 1:00 on Saturdays in Lamont arena and up to 1:30 on Sundays in Bruderheim. We do not know which teams will have which slots yet.
- We kept the late night practice slots and we plan to sell these ice times to Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey. This way we don't lose that ice time for future years, in case we need it and Fort Saskatchewan Minor Hockey will pay us to use it.
- It was asked what the ice fees were:
 - Lamont is \$110 per hour
 - Bruderheim \$130 per hour

Team Bank Accounts

- It was asked if each team would have to open their own bank account for team funds.
- The answer was yes, each team will have to open their own account and it will need to be closed out by the end of the season.

**MOTION MADE: Jessie Robsinson made the motion to Adjourn the meeting.
 SECONDED by Michael Holt.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.