D4 Update
October 21, 2024
7:00pm VIA Zoom

Attendance

Chair – Amanda Waterfield **Present**

Past Chair - Del Brown
Vice Chair – Glenn Austin **Present**
D4 Hockey Ops - Steve Edgerton **Present**
D4 Risk & Discipline - Chris Benson **Present**
D4 - Mike Smith **Present**
D4 RIC –
D4 Assigning – Mike Clarkson **Present**
D4 Secretary – Jennifer Garner **Present**
D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon **Present**
D4 Webmaster - Andy Backa **Present**
LCMHL President - Tom Stephens **Present**
LCMHL Treasurer - Fiona Livingston **Present**
U9 LCMHL Statisticians – Shawna Kealey **Present**
U18 LCMHL Statisticians – Debbie Heuchert **Present**
U11 LCMH Statistician – Mike Taylor
U13 LCMHL Statisticians - Jane Cameron **Present**
U15 & U21 Statistician – Jenny James **Present**
OVT - Joce Legault **Present**
Silver Seven - Tyler Nystedt **Present**
APMHA President - Scott Robillard **Present**
CPMHA President – Stuart Robinson **Present**
Romans – Martin Bouchard **Present**
MTK - Jennifer Downey
RMMHC –Jim Wallace **Present**
SMHA – Terry Foley **Present**
ORMHA - Cameron Legault **Present**
PLMHA President – Morgan McNevin **Present**
WCMHA - Natasha Danschinko **Present**

Agenda Items:

Approval of September Meeting Minutes – Chris Benson, seconded by Stu

LCMHL Update - Tom Stephens

Website is up and running.

- Association conveners added team contacts to a spreadsheet for Sportzheads contacts. This is working well.
- Andy and I have been writing instructions for account creation, roster creation and game results entry.
- Andy and I met today and complied a list of questions for Sportzheads.

TTM: Andy has been setting up all the team accounts, only a few to go. Now it is up to the associations to enter the rosters.

Jane Cameron – Teams seem to be doing well, they were slow getting their rosters uploaded however most are entered now. Osgoode has a team that is missing a coach and assistant coach and the convener is looking for a resolution.

Jenny James – All of the U15 teams have received their logins sent to them. Pretty quiet this year. All of the statisticians have been working together to give tips and tricks with the new website which has been helpful. We have a team that applied to a tournament during our first blackout week. I told them that it was unfortunate that they had registered for that tournament and booked hotel rooms. You may hear from them.

Debbie U18 – I also have teams who are trying to get approval for tournaments during our blackout dates.

Shawna U9 – New to the statistician role. All new managers and coaches trying to figure out how things work. I have been convener for U9 for 2 years so I am aware with most of the rules. I've been getting a lot of push back about rules that were allowed last year but not this year.

Fiona Livingstone – I am going to be getting the final team count, I will be sending invoices out this weekend.

Kids for Kids – March break is a little later this year and season have started slightly later than usual. As a result, our playoffs now straddle March break. This overlaps with the Kids for Kids tournament in Kingston and many teams in our league are requesting approval to attend. Do we think we can adjust the play off schedule to allow teams to attend this tournament.

Debbie H – With the tournament stay playoffs it would be tricky. We have the full weekend of the 29th and 30th this year which we haven't in the past, with that weekend we should be ok.

Tom – Associations Presents, how do we feel about removing this blackout weekend?

Jim (RMHA), Morgan (PMHA, Terry (SMHA), Cameron(ORMHA), Scott R(APMHA, Natasha (WCMHA) and Stu (CPMHA) are in favor of letting the teams play.

Our very first weekend of games and we had 3 games where we were at risk of not having enough officials to hold the games. Luckily we were able to get officials in the 11th hour.

This is likely to reoccur in the season and the league should come up with a policy on how to handle this. If within 24hrs of the game we see we don't have officials, we would need to reach out to the teams to reschedule. The statisticians would reach out to the ice scheduler to find ice available to reschedule.

Scott R – We don't have access to see if officials are assigned.

Mike Clarkson – I can grant access to someone at your association so they would have visibility in Horizon.

Fiona – Is there a shortage or just not available?

Mike Clarkson – I don't know how to answer that. At U18 there are 83 officials in the system, 50 are unavailable. We've pulled in approx 10 officials from outside the district but we're short at U18.

Amanda – We have 50 Brand new officials in District 4. Of those 50, 20 adults joined.

Natasha – How many officials do we have in district.

Amanda - 249 officials including timekeepers.

Steve E – Lack of senior officials, I think this falls on the lack of new officials over the past several years. Good job Amanda for recruiting so many new officials this year.

Scott R – 50 no available referees, is this part of a protest?

Mike Clarkson – These 50 officials have completely blacked out their availability. Some of these officials may have gone away to school. There are several previously District 4 officials are officiating elsewhere.

Glenn – This is not just a District 4 issue, this is happening in other districts.

Amanda – If we have enough officials requiring recertification HEO will host another certification course.

Cameron – Mike Clarkson is doing a great job of getting this thing done. We are pushing some of the 18 and 19yos but its going to take time for them to get comfortable.

Natasha – Is it possible that those remaining officials may just get more games that they used to?

Mike Clarkson – In October last year the top 7 people did 410 games in October. This year those same 7 people have done 59. That leaves a lot of games for other people to pick up.

This is a 2-4 year problem to fix. We will have a few referees that will stay as they're getting more income now. There is an investment in becoming a referee.

Debbie H – what is going to happen when the U21 schedule comes out? Will we have the same problem at U21?

Mike Clarkson – Likely yes, mostly the same officials for U18 are also in the U21 pool. Though U21 is house league only, so there may likely be more options.

It would be easier to staff these games if the U18 and or U21 games are back-to-back with no break between games.

Nastasha – Is it a possibility to offer a premium as an incentive for U18 and U19 to entice officials to work these games?

Stu – A lot of feedback from the first weekend at U18 that there is a lot of calls being let go which is concerning for safety.

District Chair Report - Amanda Waterfield

HEO AGM update Sept 26th

One new board member voted in, the other two positions left vacant. The board of directors will appoint someone into those roles

50 new officials this year. Sean Tobin did two officials' courses, one in Beckwith and one in Richmond.

15-20 required for a recertification course

Our 25/26 membership fees from Hockey Canada will increase significantly. We will know shortly what that increase will be so associations can plan.

Discipline process - Minimum suspensions are NOT appealable. They will not allow you to appeal any discriminatory slurs. This is non negotiable.

Amand W - Does district want to strengthen the roughing suspensions for U18?

Jim Wallace – I think it's a slippery slope with different when different authorities have different rules for the same infractions.

Edgy – I respectfully disagree, we talked about this last year as well. I think it is something we should consider but maybe a little early to jump the gun.
Scott R – I think if the referees do a better job, then this doesn't happen as much.

Chris Benson – The Coaches aren't addressing the problems on the bench. I see coaches watching their players slash other kids on the back of the legs and there is no discipline happening on the bench. Everyone has a responsibility to manage the game.

Please reinforce to your coaches that equipment must be worn properly. Referees will give a warning before a penalty.

Natsha – I feel like we need to prepare the players ahead what words are included in the 11.4 slur suspension.

Jim Wallace – It would be a lot easier to educate the players if there was an actual list.

Amanda – We've asked HEO for a list and they won't provide that.

U9 half ice - Competitive only 1 full ice tournament is allowed
Please make sure that U9 games are being played half ice only. I see some teams trying to ¾ ice games if no one is playing on the other side.

They're still talking about allowing AA tryouts in the spring, which wouldn't start May 5th. There is a lot of push back because of ice availability.

D4 RIC Update – I am working with John Reid and working with other RICs to make sure we're doing everything possible.
Referees were contact last week to let them know their first payroll will be November 15th. We have a new payroll company as deluxe was bought out.

Officials update – Glenn – One of the things Mike and I have been talking about offline is that we have the sensplex tournaments and we're wondering if we should make our district a priority instead of these tournaments.

Mileage policy – I know we floated the mileage policy to the presidents in the last week. We went through the mileage burned for the year so far and we're about halfway to

what we were this time last year. If there are no objections, I think we need to get this policy in place we can come back and revisit and tweak it as needed.

Travel permits - Please make sure you're submitting your travel permits thru HCR

204 Travel permits submitted. 251 Transfers were submitted.

Exhibition games need the permits before Oct 31. I have not received all the travel permits for exhibitions games that happened. I need to send a report to HEO of the exhibition games.
If you're resubmitting a travel permit, please indicate what part of the permit is being changed.

District 3 did a Cyber Bullying session. We had a lot of suspensions surrounding social media last year, please make sure your members are aware of the policy.

District Risk & Discipline - Chris Benson

I cleared off most of the outstanding TTMs, there is one left in Richmond which I will take care of. Make sure that served games are being entered so they can get removed from TTM.

District Hockey Ops – Steve Edgerton

Steve will be taking on the role of U7/U9 coach mentor for District this year.

RIC -Assigning Mike Clarkson

D4 Webmaster- Andy Backa

D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon

Just a reminder that I sent a power point out over the weekend, just trying to get people to use the Hockey Canada system instead of email so things don't get lost. What people here maybe don't know is that the system has a workflow in the background.

APMHA - Scott Robillard

So far so good, nothing groundbreaking.

CPMHA – Stuart Robinson

Everything has calmed down now that the season is up and running.

A lot of U7 and U9 difficulties during tryouts.

Getting ready for tournaments.

Lots of feedback from the U18 game last night. Lots of discussion about the referees not being in control of the game. We will go back to talk with the team after last nights game.

ORMHA – Cameron Legault

Coaches need to have the preseason chat is required?

Amanda – This is up to the associations.

TTM for new referees – Is there a check list for those who are done? How do we know when an official is entered in TTM.

Amanda – Once they enter their information in horizon I will enter them in TTM.

We're all set U18 was a little different to get done. We have a great weekend to start the season off.

We have our C tournament coming up Nov 1 and 2nd.

PLMHA – Morgan McNevin

Everything is going smoothly here in Perth.

The Perth Dual is happening this weekend. All Referees are booked.

RMMHA – Jim Wallace

If there is discussion around the U13C team I would like to be apart of that.

SMHA – Terry Foley

There was a U18A game that was suppose to happen last night between SMHA and RMHA, the goalie dislocated his knee cap in the warm up and an ambulance needed to be called. This game will need to be rescheduled.

Pending roster members – In the past the roster would be approved if the member was registered in the course.

Heather – All the Rosters are signed, which means you have the minimum required staff to be approved. Members have until November 30th to get their qualifications to be on the approved roster.

- Overall SMHA registration sits at 1038
    - Made AAA/AA – 157
    - Rostered in SMHA - 881
- House teams declared for the 24/25 Season:
    - U7 – 10
    - U9 – 9 – 2A-4B-3C
    - U11 – 8 – 2A-4B-2C
    - U13 – 6 – 1A-4B-1C
    - U15 – 8 – 2A-5B – One less team due to releases to other MHA's comp programs.
    - U18 – 8 – 3A-6B – One more team due to high U18 registration.
    - U21 – None.
- SMHA will host a Coach 1 clinic on November 16th.
- SMHA Ice up to Oct 26th:
    - Ice Sold to:
        - OVT – 13.5 hours
        - OVSS – 30 hours
    - SMHA sold 1.5 hours at CRC-A to OVT on Oct. 26th to assist with a U13AAA game reschedule.
- SMHA swapped house tournaments dates to help WC with their preferred date for their A tournament.

WCMHA – Natasha Danschinko

Imports – We have only 8 imports this year.

Doing very well with development.

Every single team won their games are crusaders day this weekend.

MTK – Jennifer Downey

ROMANS- Martin Bouchard

Season started across all age groups. Very happy with how tryouts went.

Titans – Joce Legault

Silver Seven – Tyler Nystedt

-Season has started with many successes in tournaments. Lots of Medals being handed out to OVSS teams

- Regular Season has now started for all teams

-Home Tournaments are upcoming Oct 25-27 and Nov 1-3

- 400 people going to the senator's game on Nov 14th

- Silver Seven day November 16th in Almonte

- We are in favor of spring tryouts, we just need a heads up so we can book ice ASAP