



New Sarepta Minor Hockey Association
September 13, 2023
Agridex Gym
Fall AGM Minutes
7:00 pm

Meeting Chair: Scott Palmier

Minutes Taken By: Tanya Hamula

Attendance: As per attached sign in sheet.

Call the meeting to order: 7:01 pm

Presentation by Andy Kellert. A donation of \$2300.00 was presented to New Sarepta Minor Hockey Association on behalf of the annual Ed Elkjer Memorial Golf Tournament.

Approval of meeting agenda.

Motion – Jen Charette made a motion to accept the agenda. Tanya Hamula seconded; motion carried.

Reading and review of April 12, 2023 Spring AGM Minutes.

Motion – Julie Whiting made a motion to accept the September 13, 2022 Fall AGM Minutes. Tanya Hamula seconded; motion carried.

Approximately 4000 in attendance

2828 at the Gate (Adults and Youth) = \$38561.00 (Gate)

\$6340 (50/50)

\$22,050 (Sponsor)

Bottles -

Burger Sales -

Revenue - \$74,000

Business Arisen from last Minutes

- None

New Business

1. President's Report – Scott Palmier

- See attached report.
- Introduction and welcome to NSMHA. We are looking forward to a great season.
- CAHL Update and Information
 - The committee completed a report of comparison between NAI and CAHL which resulted in an initial unsuccessful application.
 - Executive pursued a secondary application, and it was accepted.
 - NAI has since dissolved.
 - CAHL is a structured league. Provide support and resources to make the transition run smoothly for the upcoming season.
- NSMHA Policies and Procedures Revisions
 - A committee was formed over the summer to complete an entire revision of the current policies and procedures.
 - We are confident the changes will have a positive impact on our association.
 - All members must ensure they review the updated policies and procedures posted to our website.

- Congratulations to the Derby planning committee on another successful event.
 - Approximately 4000 in attendance
 - 2828 at the Gate (Adults and Youth) = \$38561.00 (Gate)
 - \$6340 (50/50)
 - \$22,050 (Sponsor)
 - Bottles – awaiting final amount.
 - Revenue - \$74,000
 - Expenses - awaiting final amount.

2. Elections

- No positions are due for election as they were filled at the Spring AGM.

3. Grant Applications – Tanya Hamula

- Leduc County Recreation and Sports Grant – up to \$7500. Deadline is September 30, 2023
- Hockey Alberta Member Grant Program – up to \$20,000. Deadline is September 30, 2023
 - If members have ideas for grant spending, please forward them to secretary.nsmha@gmail.com.

4. Registration Fees

- **Volunteer Commitment and AGM Fee Commitment** - \$300 and AGM Fee \$50 was charged at time of registration and will be refunded once 10 hours are fulfilled.
- All players must be registered and a minimum payment of 50% of the player's registration fee must be paid by September 15th to NSMHA prior to participating in any on-ice activity, including conditioning skates or pre-season camp.
- **Full** payment of player's registration fees is due by December 1, 2023.

5. Registration and Schedule Update

- Season starts September 16th with evaluations being held September 30 – October 1. Tiering games begin October 13th. Evaluations will be held for U9, U11, U13. The teams and schedule will be posted on TeamSnap. Be sure to check back frequently for changes. This season we have the following teams:
 - U7 – two teams
 - U9 – two teams
 - U11 – two teams
 - U13 - two teams
 - U15 – one team
 - U18 - one team

6. Fundraising 2023/24

- Esso 21 Bottle Drive – will continue this season and each team will be scheduled to pick up the empties. The funds received will be evenly distributed to each team in their season bank accounts.
- We will be conducting an online 50/50 raffle starting in October. Stay tuned for further information.

7. Treasurer Report – Kim Gross

- Association Finances
 - We ended the last season with approximately \$8000 profit.
 - Accounts Receivable
 - Current Accounts
 - General Acct - \$153,852.00
**Note – registration amount is high as it includes the commitment funds received for volunteer and Spring AGM that is paid upon registration.
 - GIC - \$81,000

8. CAHL Season Timeline

CAHL 2023-24 BLACKOUT DATES

- Tiering Break – November 10 – 12, 2023
- Christmas Break – December 18, 2023 – January 4, 2024
- U9 & U11 Weekend's Off – November 10 – 12 and February 16 – 19

9. 2023-24 Dates

- **Tournaments 2023/24 (Posted to Hockey Alberta):**

- U18/U15 – December 1 - 3, 2023
- U13 – December 15 - 17, 2023
- U7 – January 6, 2024
- U11 – January 19 - 21, 2024
- U9 – February 3 -4, 2024

****IMPORTANT – all away tournaments must be confirmed prior to October 27th and submitted to Michelle Dale.**

- **Important Dates**

- NSMHA Registration Opened – June 15, 2023
- Demo Derby - September 9, 2023
- Picture Day – October 18, 2023
- Referee Clinic – October 7, 2023
- Start of 2023/24 Season – September 16, 2023

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:33 pm

Welcome to the 2023-24 Hockey Season. This year we start the season with approximately 160 registered players & 10 teams.

I am looking very much forward to this season, my first as President & working with the excellent executive that has been formed for this year. I love the game of hockey and the life skills that my own minor hockey experience provided me in developing leadership skills, teaching me what it means to be part of something that is bigger than myself & striving for athletic achievement. These experiences are what I would like to support & foster for every single child in this association during my term.

This off-season has been full of change that led to all our executive spending countless hours through the spring & summer to work towards some very important changes for our association, namely:

- CAHL Application & eventual acceptance
- Complete review & update of the association policies & procedures

CAHL Application & Acceptance

At the close of last season, the executive & the league review committee compiled reports to compare travel, tiering, season dates, costs and volunteer requirements including pros/cons of NAI & CAHL to ensure all NSMHA members were provided with the material required to make an informed decision. The resultant vote results & mandate to apply to join the CAHL resulted in an initial unsuccessful application.

Despite the unfavourable news, in discussion with CAHL President & Hockey Albert, the executive pursued a second application through the undue hardship exception in the CAHL Regulations.

The second attempt was successful & we start this season as probationary CAHL members and within a new league. This news was very welcomed & during the off-season, further NAI developments where the league was disbanded with all associations accepted into the NEAHL or Peace leagues further validated that this decision and effort to control our own destiny was needed.

The CAHL is a significantly more structured league, developed over time with many of their own lessons learned as a league which will be a learning curve for our association but a very welcomed change.

My experience so far in dealing with our new league has been terrific as the league executive is very responsive & supportive. Terry Siverson, CAHL President, also spent a good amount of time with the executive at our July meeting to provide us an overview of the league.

This will be a change for all our key parent volunteers for our teams as well & our executive will be providing important information sessions for managers, assistant managers & coaches to help them navigate the new league policies & procedures.

Policies & Procedures

From lessons learned through the seasons since coming out of COVID, league & societal changes, before the end of last season the Executive board decided it was time to review & rewrite our policies & procedures.

A committee was formed consisting of Tanya Hamula, Julie Whiting, Stuart Reay & Michelle Dale. This committee completed a tremendous amount of work that resulted in a near re-write of many sections of our policies & procedures to align them with Hockey Alberta regulations, our league requirements, the lessons learned & modernize policies specifically in social media & internal disciplinary protocols.

I'm very proud of the work that was done & these policies & procedures will provide the guidance required for the executive, coaches, managers, parents & players to provide a positive hockey experience on & off the ice.

I want to thank Tanya, Julie, Stuart & Michelle for putting this much needed work into this update.

The policies & procedures will be updated on the new website and communicated to all members shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank the Demo Derby/Fundraising team in another terrific derby & their commitment to the whole minor hockey association in running what has turned into a very large event that provides for nearly all association fundraising that assists greatly in stabilizing hockey fees for all.

Thanks,
Scott Palmier
NSMHA President