



Southern Alberta Women's Hockey Association Meeting
League Meeting - Wed, Nov 27th 7:00 pm
Tom Baines School
250 Edgepark Blvd NW, Calgary
MINUTES

1. Call to Order - 7:06 PM

2. Roll Call of Teams - Warriors, Treaty 7 Ice not present

3. Determination of a Quorum - Determined

4. Agenda

4.1. Additions/Deletions - None

4.2. Approval of Agenda - Approved by April Hunt, seconded by Sara Beaudoin

5. Special Guests

5.1 FWHAS -- Patti Newfield

- FWHAS is working with the city to find a home for women's hockey
- The aim is to operate an arena with a female focus
- City is seeking a new operator for Great Plains RFX should go out next week
 - A bid will be submitted (as per the bid execution plan being developed)
 - RFX should close by Christmas
 - Each team will be asked to submit a letter of support
 - Include why we/females need a home arena
 - Women and girls are underrepresented on the ice (underserved)
 - Can add in how well Fairview was run
 - A template will be sent out
 - Letters are needed to have a strong application
 - Letters will be collected from Girls Hockey, ringette, etc.
 - FWHAS will talk with SAWHA to evaluate how much ice time SAWHA will need
 - Goal: get ice for the collective group
 - RFP experience is needed, can reach out to FWHAS to help
 - 7 other groups have expressed interest earlier this year to operate

6. Approval of minutes of Feb 2019 league meeting

6.1 Business arising from the minutes - Approved by Rachel Beaulieu, seconded by April Hunt

7. Approval of minutes of Sept 2019 league meeting

7.1 Business arising from the minutes - Approved by Sara Beaudoin, seconded by Sandra Lavoie

8.1 President – Susan Beirnes

Complaints about player safety and aggression

- Many complaints have been received about player safety, the motions brought forth are meant to mitigate these problems by curbing aggression.
- Increasing fines to curb habitual offenders
 - \$10/game does not appear to have an impact
 - Increasing to \$30/game, a 9.2 can lead to a 2 to 3 game suspension (\$60 or \$90 fine)

Reducing # of league games for the 2020-2021 season

- A survey may be sent out in the spring again
 - Many voted for the same # of games (~36)
 - Board wonders if player aggression coming from playing too many games? Toxicity between teams playing one another as often as we are?.
 - There are so many games on Saturday and teams are struggling to get subs

Paid scorekeepers for play-offs

- The league will be organizing the scorekeepers for playoffs this year
- More info to come in Feb

Drinking at arenas

- Annual reminder: don't drink in the dressing rooms
 - Rinks have a zero tolerance for alcohol
 - Team and spectators were drinking at a certain facility and it was reported to SAWHA
 - The team manager could face fines and suspensions if SAWHA loses an ice contract as it is in violation of the code of conduct

8.2 Vice President – Alyshia Pretulac

SAWHA Casino Details

- SAWHA casino (Mon Jan 27 & Tue Jan 28) [Cash Casino Calgary](#): 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE
- In order for SAWHA to complete our casino application we require specific positions to be filled and for those volunteers to fill out AGLC worker volunteer form as soon as possible. Team reps have been emailed this information and the link to sign up can also be found on the SAWHA home page.
- These key positions include **General Managers, Bankers, Count Room Supervisors and Cashiers**. These roles have been **starred*** in the sign-up form.
- If you sign up for one of these roles, please fill out this form ASAP and email it info.sawha@gmail.com so that we can submit our application. Individuals who sign up for these roles will also be contacted by SAWHA to ensure that this is complete.
- Further details for casino details, role descriptions, reminders for volunteers and links to forms can be found in previous emails as well as through the online sign-up platform.
- ALL TEAMS must sign up one (1) volunteer for the casino
- ALL VOLUNTEERS must sign the [SAWHA Volunteer Code of Conduct](#), scan, and EMAIL it back to info.sawha@gmail.com by JANUARY 1, 2020

Home Team Game Sheet responsibilities:

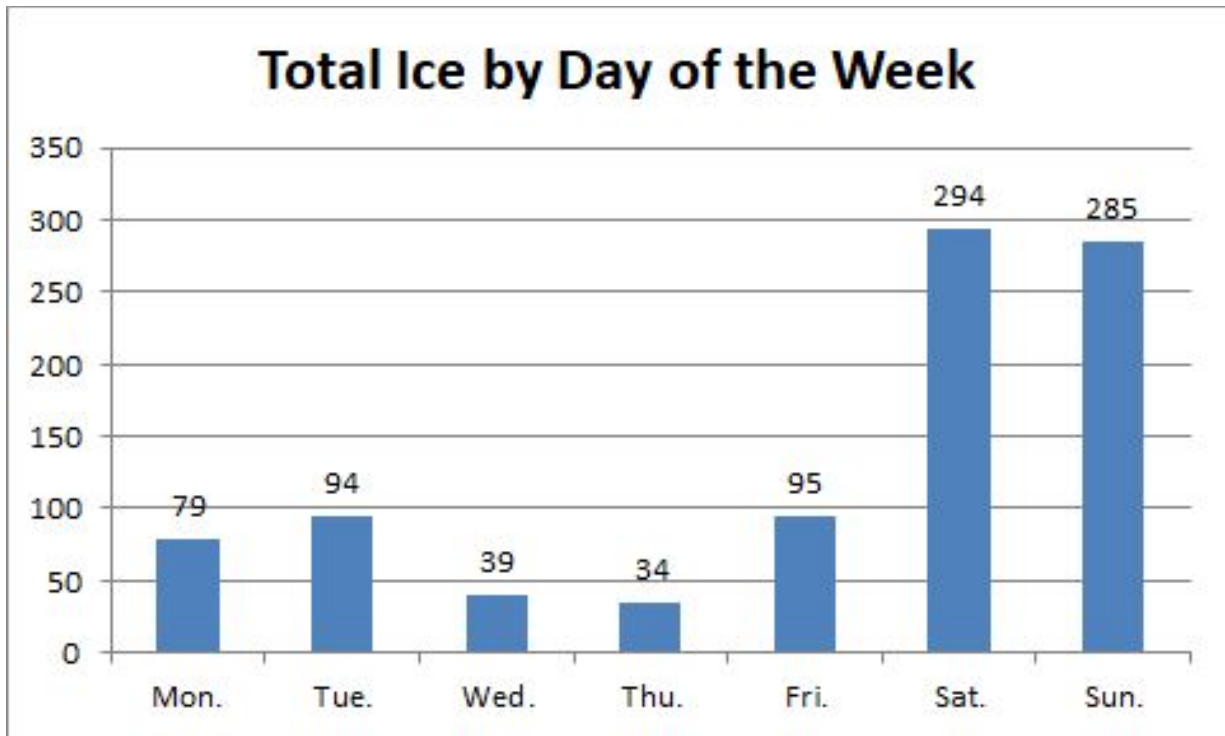
- Teams getting on the ice in time: A friendly reminder to all teams to have your team, or at least six skaters or 5 and a goalie, be on the ice in time for a prompt game start time. That's fine if your team is unable to warm-up, that is your prerogative, but out of respect for the other team, please be on the ice and ready for puck drop time. Warm-up time allotted is 3 minutes. In some instances, clocks have had to be reduced near the end of the game due to late starts. If this continues, we may have to look into instilling a rule regarding penalties for late teams.
- Also, please try and have the scoresheet to the visitor team 10-15 minutes prior to the start of the game.

8.3 Director - Referee Coordinator – Dani Chicoine

- Planned meeting with Central Zone to discuss various concerns about reffing

8.4 Director - Scheduling – Kelly Matthews

- The remainder of the schedule has now been posted. Thank you for your patience.
- Thanks to the teams that were able to turn back some extra ice in Jan and Feb to make the schedule possible.
- We do have a few open ice slots if teams would like to buy them for a practice. Let me know if you are interested- I will have them posted on the website.
 - Dec. 27 - 9:15 PM at Jack Setters \$320.00
 - Jan. 3 - 9:15 PM at Jack Setters \$320.00
 - Jan. 4 - 9:15 PM at Bowness \$345.19
 - Feb. 8 - 9:15 PM at Bowness \$345.19
 - Feb. 1 - 9:00 PM at Crowchild Twin \$287.50
 - Feb. 1 - 9:15 PM at VIVO \$326.81
- There were 920 total regular season games to schedule this year.
- Playoffs will begin on March 1 and finish by March 20.
- Expect to play some daytime games on March 8 and the weekend of March 14-15.
- Scheduler has created a summary of the ice times we had for the regular season this year:



8.5 Director of Discipline & Game Reports – Mandy Runcie

Gamesheet Reminders

- Any game sheet with a misconduct, game misconduct, major, match or game ejection must be emailed by the offending team within 24 hours. This includes any misconducts no matter what time it occurs in the game.
 - Email discipline.sawha@gmail.com
- When filling out the gamesheet make sure to put your team name, date and arena.
- When entering gamesheets leave the status as unofficial final and the tier game checkers will change it to final after they have reviewed the game.

Rule Change Proposal

- To address growing player safety concerns I will be proposing the following rule changes to start Jan 1, 2202:
 1. Currently a player is ejected from a game after receiving 4 penalties. If a player received 4 penalties in a second game they were suspended for 1 game. The new rule would have players ejected after receiving 3 penalties. The 3 penalties would include any combination of minor, bench minor, major, or misconduct penalties. Double minor penalties will count as two (2) infractions towards the three (3) penalty maximum. If a player received 3 penalties in a second game they would be suspended for 1 game.
 - 3 minor penalties ejection rule: a great tool for refs
 - It is rare to get to 4 penalties
 - Take a person out of the game before people get hurt
 - Other leagues in the city also have this rule
 2. Increase fines. Currently most of the fines per game suspended are \$10. The new fine per game suspended would be \$30.

8.6 Director of Finance – Joanne Powell

- Fee payment reminder. Fees due Dec 15.

8.7 Director of Administration & Registration – Alyssa Mah

- REMINDER: ensure any new players register on Player's Bench
- The fine for playing an unregistered player will be applied starting Dec 1
 - **A. 2.** Playing with a player who is not registered with ASHL / CANLAN Insurance is subject to a \$500.00 fine (Motion #2015-11-8.2)
- Substitute players: follow the instructions
 - Substitute players need to register with your team on Player's Bench
 - Team reps: it is your responsibility to know who are subs on your team
 - When you get invoiced for insurance & registration, check over the list, tell CANLAN who are your subs & coaches -- you don't need to pay insurance for your subs & coaches
- Use the goalie sub list
 - There are quite a few player-goalies that are willing to play
 - **U. 9.** Players (forwards and defense) who play in a higher tier may play as a SPARE GOALIE in lower tiers. (Motion #2017-09-7.1)
 - Skaters on your team can dress as the goalie
 - More goalies have signed up to the list - an updated list will be sent out in Jan
- Keep in mind, SAWHA has two goalie sets (ask Cheryl development.sawha@gmail.com to arrange borrowing gear)
- If are registration issues, you can email Paul from ASHL or Alyssa registrar.sawha@gmail.com

8.8 Director of Communications – Sharon Howland

- **Social Media**
 - Facebook Group - SAWHA Women's Hockey Group
 - Instagram - @womenshockeyyyyc
 - Looking for content including pictures and fun facts about your teams
 - Email communications.sawha@gmail.com
- **Pride Parade Timeline (exploring application submission)**
 - Mid-January - Parade Application Workshop
 - Mid-March - Parade Applications Open
 - End of June - Applications close
 - 2nd week of July - Applicants will be notified if their application has been successful
- No newsletter planned (replaced by social media)
- No social planned (no interest)

8.9 Director of League Development – Cheryl Setchell

Development Sessions

- December 1st, 3:45-5pm at Brentwood
- January Sessions TBA
- 3 sessions in Oct 2019 (skating, stick skills)
- New goalies are encouraged to come to the development sessions (goalies play for free)
- Registration for the January sessions will be out early December
 - January sessions will focus on positional play
 - Usually aimed at Tiers 5 to 7 players

- A tier 7 team has requested Cheryl come talk to them about positional play
 - Other teams are welcome to reach out to Cheryl (email development.sawha@gmail.com)

9. Motions for review

- Request to approve the revised operating rules sent out Oct 29, 2019.
- The operating rules capture all the motions from meetings since 2012
- Discipline section in the operating rules has not been updated, will be bringing this to a future league meeting.
- Bylaws still need to be updated as well

Motions Approved

- Green highlights: Motioned by Laura Milne, seconded by Sandra Lavoie
- Blue highlights: Motioned by Laura Milne, seconded by Sara Beaudoin
- Removed Oct 1 date: Motioned by Sandra Lavoie, seconded by Brittany Demeter
- Remove rescheduling games: Motioned by Danielle Bertsch, seconded by Rachel Beaulieu
- Rec tier references: Motioned by Stacy (Venner?), seconded by Sara Beaudoin
- **The motions were approved with none opposed.**

10. Unfinished Business/New Business

10.1 New proposal

- Changes to Suspension Guideline Rule Section S #8 (Oct 29, 2019 Revised Operating Rules).
- Please see accompanying documentation.
- Motioned by Mandy Runcie, seconded Sara Beaudoin
- **The motion was approved with none opposed. New rule will be effective Jan 1, 2020.**

10.2 New proposal

- Changes to Suspension Guidelines - Fine Structure and multiple rules in Section S (Oct 29, 2019 Revised Operating Rules).
- Please see accompanying documentation.
- Motioned by Mandy Runcie, seconded Sara Beaudoin
- **The motion was approved with none opposed. New rule will be effective Jan 1, 2020.**

Discussion and clarification

- Coaches can get suspended and fined
- Previous seasons PIM history is kept
- Jan and Feb, PIM per player is monitored
- A bench penalty won't count towards the 3 penalty ejection
- Idea brought up: a team with high PIM should have a team rep stand up at a league meeting and explain steps they are taking to curb their PIM
- The board wants to be transparent so they tell teams if they will be present to evaluate a game
- Can SAWHA request certain refs from Central Zone for certain games?
 - It is complicated and tough to coordinate that with Central Zone
 - It is already tough to get more females assigned to SAWHA games
- SAWHA's own referees
 - It would be a full time job to schedule refs (close to 1000 games)
 - This would be a big undertaking but not off the table
- Lower the threshold before talking to players about PIM/game?

- Currently 1.5 PIM/game
- Could be brought forward as a motion at the next league meeting
- Complaint letters have been received from all tiers except Tier 7

11. Next Meeting – Feb 2020 date and time to be announced

12. Adjournment - 8:36 PM