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 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Girls Hockey	

First Girls team was started – U9, successful season
Girls program director was found Thanks Phil M for stepping up
Girls program created with Strathmore, Indus and others. There were a few ID skates happened and lots of female players turning out. Looking forward to next season.


 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
First Shift	

Very successful event. Wrapped up on the 10th and kids wanted to keep playing.
45 kids that were new to hockey ages 5 to 10 (26 of those from Chestermere)
10 coaches stepped up and offered a great program
We are already applying to do it again next season


 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Successful year	

There were many successes throughout the year with teams winning tournaments, player and coach development and some banners winners. I would like to congratulate the year-end banner winners:


- U13-4 – Tier 5 Red Champions
- U15-4 – Tier 5 Champions
- U21 – Esso Minor Hockey Week Champions

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Evaluation Schedule	

This needs to be one of the first things sorted out with the new ice director. Needs to be done before the beginning of August where everything is booked and ready to go for next season.

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
U11 Tournament	

New U11 end of the season tourney for tiers 1-5. AA opted out due to lack of interest from teams. Hoping to make this a regular event near the end of March.

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
U11AA	


Very successful first season. Finished 3rd in our division and were approximately upper middle of pack for overall in the province.

Team was composed with 9 forwards, 5 defense and 1 goalie. This was very important for competitiveness. Recommend to look at the skill level of players before deciding on a roster size. If players are not at the appropriate skill level, then it is not in their best interest to be in that program and it will be difficult for the program to be competitive.

If Medicine Hat and Lethbridge continue to one be required to host one team then, it should be considered that we ask Strathmore and Indus to join our program.

Recommend to have a team again next season, and to monitor how competitive the program continues to be.


There has been a U11AA coordinator elected for the upcoming season. Conditioning skates and evaluations are already being planned for the upcoming season.

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
CRCA meeting	

Attended CRCA monthly meetings.

Worked with CRCA on:


- speakers for the red arena
- New pegs for the nets
- Fixing the heaters
- Ice times for CMHA
- New policy for how ice is distributed
- Got 2 additional ice slots at 8pm on blue ice times for next season
- Supported banger Bingo for pave the parking lot

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Youth Sport Committee	

Met with Shannon Dean City Councillor for a committee on youth sport in Chestermere
Among others included were football, Rugby, Soccer and baseball.


Conversation was to support each other and CMHA to help push for new fields as they could be done much quicker than a new arena.

Never had a second meeting with all that was happening at City Hall

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
White Boards in the Dressing rooms	

Lost the sponsor – still think this would be a good idea.

Check with Speed School, 833, or B&P to see if they would be interested in sponsoring

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Mentoring for refs	


Applied for a grant with the City of Chestermere for supply mentoring for our young refs.

I do not see this happening and these young officials are being left to their own to figure out how to ref our games. With a mentoring program it will assist the development in our association referees.

Up to \$50/game for a mentor as enough of an incentive so we would request \$50*30team*#of how games for the amount of the grant.

Shane and the ref association is on board, we would need to discuss the schedule with them to make sure we optimize the sr. ref time.

If we get the grant we will set a meeting with Shane to work out details.
Grant was applied for - waiting to hear from the City

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Rec Hockey	

Recommendation if ice continues to be an issue

Hockey Alberta changed the options for registration a couple of years ago and a rec registration was added. I see this as a possible way to alleviate some of our ice problem.

I would like to discuss the possibility of creating a rec league with Strathmore and Indus like is done for youth baseball. I just don't understand the amount of travelling some teams have to do especially when some of the games are not competitive.

My proposal would be as follows:(open to suggestions and ideas as this a first cut)


- Each division would have 2/3 CAHL. Process same as current teams,
- Remaining players would be drafted to the rec teams by the coaches of those teams.
Number of teams depends on number of players,
- A schedule would be made with Strathmore and Indus for games,
- CAHL would be 2 practices/week and 2 games/week,
- Rec teams would be 1 or 2 practice/week and 1 game/week,

We would control this league and be able to make rules based on development and fun, with reduced expense to our families.

Lots to discuss:

- possibility of two tiers for the rec league,
- possible new hockey player division where age is not the determining factor for being on the team

- additional skill development ice times for those wishing to push their improvement
- reseeding players during the season (rec only)
- freedom for goalies to play out or player to try goalie whenever we wish
- rec league could schedule weeks with no games to give families a break

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Meeting with the City of Chestermere	

Attended multiple meetings with the City of Chestermere.


Topic of concern was lack of available ice in the community

City would like to own the rec centre and run it as a city facility with appropriate funding – Recommend the CMHA supports this direction. Could help with cost of ice and more maintenance for the building.

Proposed Sprung Structures at an alternative City site as a temporary solution to the ice shortage.


The City took it to Council and approved a deeper look into it as an option. Possibly 2 ice surfaces.

Recommendation – follow up with the City to see how the Sprung Structure option is proceeding. Continue working with the City for additional ice in our community and to secure ice if a new facility is built.


 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
AA and AAA programs	

We continue to have regular meetings with our AA and AAA affiliate associations especially with all the proposed changes from Hockey Alberta.


Ice is always an issue for all associations and removing the daytime programs will put extra strain on ice availability.

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Fundraising	

We need association support in our fundraising efforts. We’ve tried a few different things this year and we need more association support to make these events a success. Fundraising helps maintain reasonable fees and to pay for evaluations. With our casino fundraising being pushed over longer timeframes we need to support the other fundraising activities.

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Increased association poor sportsmanship	

There has been a significant increase in suspensions, complaints and disciplinary actions taken over the year from teams, players, coaches and parents. We all have to remember that this sport is supposed to be fun for everyone involved. If this trend continues next year there will be additional actions taken by the board to keep the game fun and to minimize these issues.

 Action Item	For: CMHA Executive
Additional items contributed to	

- Evaluations
- Evaluation debriefs
- County Fair float
- Division meetings
- Coach meetings
- Discipline meetings – suspensions, outside/internal complaints, coach/parent/player issues
- Hockey Alberta items
- Awards night
- Golf Tournament