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Minutes: August 2025

Date: Aug 18, 2025

In Attendance: Roy Sakaki, David Mueller, Jason Brown, Eric Penner, Tanja Poschl, Matt Davies, Niki Carlin, Devon Chan, Melanie Penner, Val Kloska, Cindy Cameron Cherry, Allison Drager, Sean Russell, Lori Adamson, Jamie Mceachern, Chantal Tessier, Tziganey Gagnon, Liam O'Brien, Randi Northeast

Absent: Lana McNeil, John White, Devon Chan

Late Arrivals:

- 1. Call to order at 6:29 pm Chairing:** Mel Penner **Motion:** Cindy Cameron Cherry
Second: Liam O'Brien
- 2. Approval of agenda: Moved:** Liam O'Brien **Second:** Cindy Cameron Cherry - **Carried**
- 3. Adoption of minutes from previous meeting: Moved:** Liam O'Brien **Second:** David Mueller - **Carried**
- 4. Presentation – No Presentation**
- 5. Business Arising for previous minutes: None**
- 6. Standing Reports:**

a) Executive Director

Jason Brown

- It's been a busy month and we're on the ice with Pre-tryout skates and 'try hockey' today.

AAA teams are close to finalizing their teams, and AA had their tryouts this past weekend.

Our players from Salmon Arm have shown extremely well in spring camps, and tryouts, and many of our Rep players are making the jump to AAA and AA for the upcoming season in U15 and U18. The U13 Tier 1 Mustangs also look like they will have a large Salmon Arm contingent. All great things for our player development in recent years.

Rep teams start for U15 and U18 with tryouts in Revelstoke this coming weekend.

Old business:

1) startup ice is finalized. We're carrying a bit of extra ice right now in case we need to shuffle some things, but I don't anticipate that being the case, and will return those slots we have to Crystal. She's understanding and knows which days she'll get ice back. We won't know which slots we can get from Sicamous until we know which slots we need. They can open an earlier or later slot depending on which we need. Will continue to work with them.

2) The Director of Hockey Development role has been filled, and I'd like to welcome Jamie McEachern to the team as the newest member of our staff. Jamie brings a wealth of hockey knowledge in player development, and has been working within the association in a volunteer capacity for a number of years.

3) As we get Jamie on-boarded, I will begin to hand off the hockey work to him, and will support him through managing the startup.

4) Registration - numbers are in and we don't have many outliers. Everything looks very close to what we had planned for in the summer, and while there are still some questions to be answered in a couple divisions, we're close to our initial declarations which are due next Monday.

5) Waitlists have started for U15 and U18 integrated and U13 female. We'll accept players once we know what numbers we will have returning from Rep tryouts.

New business:

1) committees.

We'll handle startup as we have in years past, with some additional support from staff. No need for a true startup committee, but division managers and DHO's should be prepared where available to support in their divisions. *Communications will start to transfer over to the division managers. Evaluators will be sorted by ED, and DHD. We need to use Team Genius to help build the data for player development. We need the evaluators ready and on ice help ready.*

I'd like to get a coach committee together to start to engage applicants and line up Recreation coaches. I also think an apparel committee needs to form before we start getting managers going. *Interested parties: Val, Cindy, Niki (apparel committee). VPs, Div Managers and ED/DHD (coach committee), then to be approved by DHOs. President to be the main person for the discipline committee, Pres can then pull people in to avoid conflict if people have vested interest. Need to address the discipline policy/guidelines.*

Outside of that, I think we revisit the committee rollout once we are through startup.

b) Administrator:

Roy Sakaki

-Tournaments update/blackout days for OMAHA scheduling - *u18 rec full, u11 rec full, others are filling fast. Some teams have requested certain tournaments. Roy will contact div managers to coordinate to get to scheduling. Have div managers check in with coaches that are assigned already.*

-Certifications re coaching staff/sanctioning events info *most people are inquiring regarding certifications. BC only recognizes 3 years for CRC. Getting a lot of new people interested in volunteering. Handout regarding BC policy on how they sanction...good for team managers/coaches*

-U21 rec Kamloops invitation to join? (Jason/Roy) *Right now we have only 3 OA u18 players...kamloops would consider having our overage players for a Kamloops u21 team. Tough for us to form a u21 team...then comes the questions of rules regarding that team. We would need to look at liability before considering a u21 team.*

-OMAHA mtg. Sept. 13: SAMHA reps attending seminars? Pres, Reg, RIC, Fem. *If anyone cannot go please let Roy know. In Kelowna.*

c) Director of Hockey Development

Jamie McEachern

- No Report

d) Treasurer:

Eric Penner

- We will continue on with the 50/50 for the coming season. After we took over last season the pots on game nights increased by about 60%. The booster club is going to add a 3rd 50/50 station this season which hopefully see that increase even further. *We are planning on getting a 3rd machine.* - We made approx \$375/game from the 50/50. Prior to that when the booster club was running we made approx \$215/game. Including playoffs we should see this fundraiser earn in the \$10k-\$15k over the course of the season. So it was a worthwhile venture and hopefully will get better.

- The Booster Club would like us to continue to provide 4 volunteers per game to assist with aisle control and security. Given they are providing 6 volunteers per game to run the 50/50 for us I don't think it's unreasonable. We need to decide how we are going to come up with the volunteers and if we will be providing any incentive. Mel and I are happy to help with the organizing of this for this year given we are doing the 50/50 and 7th man organizing already. *We could run this the same as last year*

***new item for agenda**

- Alex from the Silverbacks has asked about doing a season-long online 50/50 with us. We would provide a class A license and profits would be split. I told her I would bring it up at the board meeting for discussion. *This sounds like a good idea. Would have to do a different ticket package for the two different type (season vs. game). We need to have a reason and a united answer when people ask why we are doing it (eg- keep fees down, financial assistance fund). Eric will continue looking into it.*

Other Items:

- We have received our license for the hockey pool fundraiser so won't have any delays with that this year.

e) DHO Senior:

Cindy Cameron-Cherry

- I have finalized 4 tournaments for U13, just waiting to see if we need to grab 2 more in case there will be three teams. I haven't looked at the newest projected registration numbers yet but will do so today after work. *Hold off on booking any more tournaments until we know if we have 2 or 3 rec teams in u13.*
- Randi and Tanja are busy with their divisions for tournaments.
- Tryouts for U15 and U18 Rep start this weekend, so we will have a better idea of what rec will look like in a couple of weeks.
- I had sent an email to the executive board about changing our policy with regards to division managers not being in the division their player is in. I have only received a response from Jason, but I really think we need to revisit this. We will get more interest from new volunteers if it's less daunting. *This is very important. We need to re-write to allow the wording for volunteers to have a child (or not have a child) in div that they would like to manage.*
- I had also sent an email about the committees, which I suspect needs to get moving from this week, but again, only had a response from Jason. However, I believe Jason is going to help clarify things at the meeting, so we can sort that out then.
- Tournament medals are ready to be ordered. If anyone has any worries about them, please bring them up at the meeting tonight, as I will be putting in the order this evening/tomorrow morning with Trophy Gallery. I do need to know if I am ordering for U15 and U18 female for the SWFT tournament or if I should hold off on those, like we did last year, to see if we will have those divisions in the tournament. *Yes order u15 medals for the SWFT, or leave off and make sure to order before deadline (2 weeks prior)*
- Eric received our A license already for hockey pools, so we will be ready to go with that when the season starts. I have the online form ready to go (and I have added on that form that ties are split winnings as it was not there previously).

f) DHO Junior:

Tziganey Gagnon

- Things are picking up this month as startup is getting closer.
- Registration has been closed and numbers seem to be a bit different compared to last year:

U7

- Integrated has seen a bit of a rise with 38 registrants. The number of Females is much smaller this year with only 6 registered. Something we are going to have to discuss as this is not enough for a female only team. *Females have 8 players registered as of today. May get 4 female players from the integrated list to move over to the female team. We could have 10 female players to form a team.*
- 1 underage registrant noted. I'd like some clarification for my own knowledge on how this has been approved, and why. *John and Jason will go over the reasons as to why this player was allowed to start in u7. Will bring to the board.*

U9

- Integrated is looking at 46 registrants, enough for 2 orange teams and 1 black. Noted 1 goaltender in the registration (possibly new player?) and I'm curious whether or not he has signed up for the "black" division? Up until now, we have no known goalies in U9 which might make a competitive team a bit lacking. I'd also like to note that during the scheduling weekend, it would be good to match our black team up with similar teams IE: Vernon, Lumby, Winfield and possibly stay clear of the Kelowna's and Kamloops' as our numbers just don't compare. *Jason will investigate this to see if this player is actually a dedicated goaltender.*
- 22 female registrants have signed up which will make for 2 teams.

U11

- Development has a lot of applicants and will likely put rec at 3 teams this year.
- U11 female has 21 registrants with parents really pushing for a female development team but the numbers aren't conducive to forming this team. I spoke to one parent recently who is concerned at the level of play at the rec division. He mentioned several families are prepared to move to integrated if a development team is not possible.
- Parents have been advised of the lack of numbers and the suggestion of a tournament team has come up. Val, Nikki and Jason have been in discussion regarding this and will have more information.

- Tournaments for U9 black and orange, U11 Dev (by Mel) and U11 rec have been applied for and I am currently sending information to Deb for payment to secure those spots.
- U7 tournament registration in most associations has not opened so we will look into this at a later date, as there is generally no rush to get into tournaments at this age.
- Still looking for a U7 division manager but I am happy to help out in the meantime.
- That's about it for now, that I can think of!

g) Secretary:

Dave Mueller

- *Please send in reports prior to the meeting and kindly let the secretary know even if there is no report.*

h) President:

John White

- **No report**

i) 1st Vice President:

Mel Penner

- **No report**

j) 2nd Vice President:

Val Kloska

- Try hockey for the coming week Has older female player volunteers arrange. Wide range of ages and skill in the group. I am away Thursday/Friday so Jason/others will need to support the icetime
- Dual roster requests have been trickling in. Nikki has been tracking them. With registration, team declarations now more clear I will ask the board to make a decision, most requests are in the older age divisions. *Executive board will discuss.*
- u15&u18 female will need to be a combined age team at this time based on registration, most of our players are headed to novas tryouts and I anticipate they will make those rosters.
- I don't have much more at this time!

k) 3rd Vice President

Liam O'Brien

- Rep tryouts are just around the corner for u15 and u18. Optional pre tryout skates started this past weekend in lead up to next weekends tryouts. Not huge numbers for these skates as zone tryouts were taking place in Vernon this past weekend as well. Thank you to Jamie, Dave and Jason for helping with these skates. *U15 and u18 tryouts start on the weekend. Zone reassignments should be done shortly. U15 has declared top 25.*
- Omaha held a meeting with our upper North zone committee as they are checking in on all the individual zones to see how things are going. We are all able to share some of the ways we are all going about tryouts and lead up to a new season with this platform.
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- All the little things like tryout Jerseys, refs and evaluators are falling into place.
- Here we go. Another season upon us.

7. Divisional Manager Reports:

k) U7

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- **No report**

l) U9

Allison Drager

- **No report**

m) U11

Chantal Tessier

- **No report**

n) U13

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- **No report**

o) U15

Randi North East

- Based on the registration list received, it looks like we'll have 3 recreation teams
- I've applied to Kamloops for 2 of their tourneys and Kelowna (these will be the 3 out of town tourneys)
- Have a line on Chase, Armstrong and Sicamous as the "local" tourneys
- So far, have received a few teammate requests
- No questions yet about start up or practice times

- Will work on namebars. We have \$276.00 left in the namebar fund. Keep as a float. Each namebar is \$20. Families that have namebars can reuse their namebar.

p) U18

Tanja Poschl

- I have secured 3 tournaments thus far. Working on 3 additional ones. Received an email from a potential manager who wants to pick and choose what they want. Does the board want to allow these managers have a pick and choose of the already booked tournaments.

q) Female

Nikki Carlin

- **No report**

r) Ref Assignor

Sean Russell

- **No report**

s) Referee In Chief

Matt Davies

- Returning level 2 and 3 sept 18
- New and Returning level 1 sept 20 *Jason will secure ice for these times and we will let people know the times.*
- Just waiting bc hockey to approve dates
- Talk about late games *Would like to put forth a motion to put forward paying officials \$10/game/ref that start on or after 20:30. This is the same as early games (prior to 08:30)*

t) Equipment Manager

Devon Chan

- **No report** *Devon deserves some recognition getting the scanning system set up and getting everything in order. Waiting on getting tryout jerseys. Kenny has been setting up jerseys on racks in the back. Retired jersey to be used as 'support' jerseys (families in the stands having uniform look).*

u) Risk Manager/Social Media

Lori Adamson

- **No report**

Approval of standing reports: Moved: Val Kloska **Seconded:** Cindy Cameron Cherry

8. New Business:

- U11 Female development: As Tziganey touched on in her report, U11 female is going to require some discussion and decisions from the board. Jason and I met with U11 female members the last week of July and conducted a follow up survey. I have also heard the same sentiment as tziganey, members want a league based season long female dev option (even if that's an integrated league). I did touch base with players that are not currently registered for female (either int dev or rec) and all expressed interest in moving to a female dev season long option. With that, our currently 21 registered could bump up to 26-27 if we commit to female dev. We have had an inquiry from a Revy female player for a female dev option and would anticipate a few others from out of the association. We have a very strong coaching candidate for this group. More discussion will be needed. *There is a strong desire to have a female development team. Members would like a season long team. Numbers are there.*

Motion: We would like to declare whether or not we have a team by Sept 5th. Should we look to endorse this (we need permission to do this from the board)

- *Yay: Mel, Dave, Liam, Cindy, Tziganey*
- *Nay: 0*
- *Absent/Abstain: John, Eric, Val*

In Camera:

Motion to move In Camera: David Mueller **Second:** Liam O'Brien **Time:** 8:28pm

Motion to come out of In Camera: David Mueller **Second:** Cindy Cameron-Cherry **Time:** 9:00pm

Motion to Adjourn: Val Kloska **Second:** Tziganey Gagnon

Next meeting - @ Salmar Grand (Monday, Sept 15th, 6:30pm)