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**Minutes: June 2025**

**Date: June 16, 2025**

**In Attendance:** Roy Sakaki, John White, Liam O'Brien, Dave Mueller, Jason Brown, Tziganey Gagnon, Tanja Poschl, Matt Davies, Nikki Carlin, Melanie Penner, Val Kloska (virtual), Lori Adamson

**Absent:** Eric Penner, Sean Russell, Lana McNeil, Randi Northeast,, Cole Slaney, Allison Drager, Cindy Cameron Cherry,

**Late Arrivals:**

- 1. Call to order at 6:30 pm Chairing:** John White **Motion:** Liam O'Brien **Second:** David Mueller
- 2. Approval of agenda: Moved:** Mel Penner **Second:** Liam O' Brien - **Carried**
- 3. Adoption of minutes from previous meeting: Moved:** Liam O'Brien **Second:** David Mueller - **Carried**
- 4. Presentation – OMAHA awards to Cayden, Liv and Lori (Joel DeBoer will present over Tim)**
  - Joel Presented to Cayden (U18 Male MVP), Liv (U18 female MVP) was working and not present. Jason mentioned Cayden played on Vancouver Island for Cowachen. Wanted to be closer to home. Decided on U18 tier2. Fortunate to have Cayden for leadership and scoring.
  - Joel presented the Noni Miyazaki. Memorial award to Lori Adamson.
  - John accepted the Association of the Year award, presented by Joel. This was for the Fear the North pilot program.
- 5. Business Arising for previous minutes:** None
- 6. Standing Reports:**

a) **Executive Director**

**Jason Brown**

-OMAHA mtg. summary/highlights/BC Hockey Summit summary *Jason will send out. AA 4 teams and Novas. U18 and U15/18 Novas (host co-host. North Ok and SA) split between associations. Need to find a home for U18 Novas. Early Jan.*

*BC hockey summit. Went to multiple seminars, but focused on conflict resolution. Standardizing across the board throughout BC. Also went to a governance seminar. Importance of bylaw and procedures. Bylaws support development of policy. Policy docs support operations. Jason will shift focus to this following registration.*

*-Registration update A little confusion with OMAHA tryouts. Otherwise going smoothly.*

*-Scheduling outline Package showing preliminary ice times and start up schedule presented. Provided to VPs and DHO; shows pre eval. Skates, tryouts, evaluations, practice schedule, exhib.games*

*-rep coaching update (see VP3)*

*-proposed governance committee Wants to start this to review bylaws and hence policy. President does not feel we are at a governance point, as too many of the board members are operational as well. We would need to get operational off the board to move to a governance model. A lot of work to shift to a governance model. Definitely need to review the bylaws notwithstanding.*

**b) Administrator:**

**Roy Sakaki**

- BIG praise for Jason and the job he has been and will continue to do.*
- HBO has a documentary about Al Novakowski (ASA) televised tomorrow night (Wednesday)*
- jersey and tryout jerseys inventory, jackets for new coaches: Jason/Roy. Thanks to Lana, Ann, Kenny, Cole for going through all the jerseys. Missing a couple of jerseys and names left on the backs. Need to make sure jerseys are returned and names removed. Jackets go to brand new head coaches. Have about 12 and can order a few more. If an AC wants a jacket, the team can be purchased.*
- Tournaments Interest coming in. U18 tier 2 provincials turned down, but would like to have the board think of a recreation tournament in provincials stead. Board in favour of holding a district recreation tournament*
- Sponsorships: 3 on hold (Rona, Blind Bay Grocer, Wayside). Dan at Yukon Smash interested in helping out minor hockey. Wants to showcase coaches and provide discounts.*
- referee mtg. June 25th Senior officials, RIC and assignor. Jason will join. Work on a round table to continue growing the referee side of the game. Work on program and schedule.*
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**c) Manager of Hockey Operations** **Cole Slaney**

- *Jason has been chatting with Cole. Good communication. Cole will be pursuing joining the BC Sheriffs as a route to the RCMP. June 30th will be his last day with us. Thank you to Cole Slaney and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.*
- *We will send out a communique and outline the position to post it for a hire. Will work on it in the next couple of weeks.*

**d) Treasurer:** **Eric Penner**

- Applied for a community grant (completed). The board approved the budget approved for next season

**e) DHO Senior:** **Cindy Cameron-Cherry**

- **No report**

**f) DHO Junior:** **Tziganey Gagnon**

- **No report**

**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**

- *Updated OMAHA and female development concerns. Not enough for a league. We can still have a U11 female development team that could play in the super league. Perhaps join the U11 development tiring weekend to see how they would land. It will be discussed within a committee (JASON, Niki, Val). U11 female development is not an option on registration, so there may be some misleading information. Need to add this to registration (Deb) and reach out to membership that has already registered. Will have to find ice/tournament weekend (but will need to find teams-guests from all over BC, AB and beyond). Will need to find ice.*
- *No goalie/no team as per OMAHA*
- *All guest teams have been accepted by OMAHA*

**i) 1st Vice President:** **Mel Penner**

- **No report**

**j) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** **Val Kloska**

- *U11 registration and communication. Meeting with Val, Niki and Jason. Get an updated list of registration for female to get an idea of players going forward. Will need a set of jerseys for u11 female dev if they form, or look into what we have in stock.*
- *TRY programs should have communication to the membership/public*

**k) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

**Liam O'Brien**

- The ball is rolling for locking in ice and tryout times for the rep teams. Participation from all associations seems to be going well.
- Upper North Zone sub committees have been formed for Rep coach selections, for each age group. We have a good number of applicants and have a process to go through to have coaches lined up for the 8-9 potential head coach positions from u13 to u18.
- We have a sub committee for each age category. Each age category has a committee chair. Each committee has a board representative **from each** association. We can relay what that looks like soon as we just met today to get these committees figured out.
- The sub committees will be meeting very soon to get a picture of where coaches could fit and more communication as well as interviews will follow. Will be a little different due to parent involvement and where players land.
- *Will get communication out when can*
- *Could put a deadline out to help recruit coaches*

**7. Divisional Manager Reports:**

**k) U7**

- **No report**

**l) U9**

**Allison Drager**

- **No report**

**m) U11**

**Chantal Tessier**

- **No report**

**n) U13**

- **No report**

**o) U15**

**Randi North East**

- No report

p) U18

Tanja Poschl

- No report

q) Female

Nikki Carlin

- No report

r) Ref Assignor

Sean Russell

- No report

s) Referee In Chief

Matt Davies

- *Will have better communication with seminars and courses.*
- *Concern with getting officials for games starting after 21:00. Maybe look at pay for undesirable times (early morning/late night)*
- *Will have to be sharing officials for the north zone (eg- level 3), can use level 2 guys that are good enough to officiate rep games. Can discuss this in the June 25th meeting with senior officials.*

t) Equipment Manager

Devon Chan

- No report

u) Risk Manager/Social Media

Lori Adamson

- *Starting the run of 'thank you to our sponsors' on socials. Going well.*

**Approval of standing reports: Moved: Liam Seconded: Cindy**

**8. New Business:**

a. Appointment of U7 and U13 Div. managers. *We have Sarah Price as an option for U13. Cindy will follow up. Will put out a U7 position on social media and also ask the membership we know. Jason will set up Chantal for U11*

b. Jason booking out of town tournaments. *Jason will book out of town tournaments for Rep and U11 dev. Recreation teams are still booked by division managers with help from DHOs. Book 2 away tournaments for each team. Val booked 1 away tournament for female teams and had coaches book their other away tournament. Female teams are slightly different.*

c. Look at fee discounts for families. Will discuss as an executive.

d. sandbagging: *guidance for Lana if going ahead. Board decided to go ahead with doing the fundraiser. Will coordinate with Lana.*

e. *Item to add to the next meeting agenda. How are we going to address the volunteering for the silverbacks games.*

**In Camera:**

**Motion to move In Camera:** Liam O'Brien **Second:** Melanie Penner **Time:** 8:15pm

**Motion to come out of In Camera:** Liam O'Brien **Second:** Melanie Penner **Time:** 8:30pm

**Motion to Adjourn:** Melanie Penner **Second:** Tziganey Gagnon

**Next meeting - @ Salmar Grand (Monday, July 21st, 6:30pm)**