



**Russell Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024 - 7:00pm
Boston Pizza, Embrun**

President	Matt Dickie	Director, U7	Ryan Licari
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VP, Competitive	Chris Burns	Dir.; Equipment	Darren Page
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Secretary	Carrie Asselin	Dir.; Special Events	Vacant
Registrar	Shaunna Lucas	Convenor; U18-U21	Jason Gillies
GHA Convenor	Tricia Zakaria	Convenor; U13-U15	Jennifer Bergeron
Dir.; Comm. & Sponsor	Jamie Cote	Convenor; U9-U11	Jolene Silva
Dir.; Disc. Risk and Safety	Josh Nixon	Coach Mentor	Vacant

Call to Order and Attendance

Meeting start time: 7:08pm

Approval of Minutes from Meeting held May 28th, 2024

Motion: Shaunna Lucas , Second: Chris Stanton , Carried

Business arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

- a) Canucks Logo being added to Russell ice surface, template has been ordered

New Business

- a) Discussion re: Rep B Contract, changes this year include updated verbiage surrounding all associations rather than just Metcalfe
- b) GHA looking at adding U15C group to the charts, would be based on player evaluations with home association. This would involve travel to Nepean and Kanata for games, and players would no longer be Warriors. General consensus amongst Board members would be to vote against this motion at this time
- c) Player transfer request from Leitrim will be denied; ongoing parent suspension amongst other difficulties with said member in past seasons due to intolerable behaviours within our association.
- d) Special Events position to be filled, should the current candidate accept. The applicant has experience and the interview process was completed successfully. Candidate will be invited to attend our next meeting but will likely have to be voted in electronically due to time constraints.



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- e) Warriors Weekend will be addressed at a later date, once Special Events position has been filled - Joey offered to assist in this regard as photographer will need to be booked, space to be reserved and schedule for teams will need to be created early in the season. GHA will likely not assign more home games but we can still request a best scenario for allotment of games through the ice scheduler, proactively

Executive Reports

President

- a) Matt, along with Metcalfe President, plan to attend as many Rep B tryouts as possible to ensure standards are being met - sharing these responsibilities is key to our partnership

VP; House

- a. Evaluation Committee meeting held last week, changes to drills and timing of assessments on-ice will allow evaluators to be less rushed. More volunteers required to run assessments, can email Jon directly
- b. Only six evaluators have signed up, requesting push through social media post fair weekend
- c. Coach applications to date include one for each division, will require several more especially for U9, U11 & U13 - would also like these advertised through our media outlets
- d. Post season coach surveys included complaints in different age groups for new Head Coaches, similar to the Canucks program (max 2 years per group)

VP; Competitive

- a. As of August 1st, Rep B registrants included; 12 (U10), 26 (U11), 17 (U12), 21 (U13), 15 (U14), 5 (U15), 6 (U18) - the lower number is likely due to Rangers tryout schedule which makes it difficult for planning purposes
- b. Head Coach position still unfilled for U18 group, team will be formed by evaluators regardless



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- c. Attended Head Coach Meeting, topics covering Tryout process and team selection - Russell hosted coaches are requesting practice schedule to be released farther in advance, Christie cannot guarantee practices until game schedules are released but can advise on which days those practices will likely occur
- d. Rep B info session had a great turnout, approx 25 families in attendance, mostly new parents from the younger divisions
- e. Attended B League meeting, re: push for Pathways will focus on U10 & U11 following the guidelines, other groups will get one rust off pre tryout
- f. More evaluators are required, can email Chris directly if interested - requesting push through our social networks
- g. GHA looking at reducing Rep B teams, creating a more “competitive” team in the future

Treasurer (absent)

Secretary (nothing to report)

Past President (nothing to report)

Director Reports

Registrar

- a. Registration numbers are good, 285 currently - includes quite a few transfers
- b. GHA granted one permanent transfer, after several years of repeated transfer paperwork being completed
- c. Additional spots opened in the U9 division as capacity was reached
- d. U7 spots are also almost full
- e. Will be looking at updating the registration section of our website to be more user friendly



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Ice Scheduler

- a. Was unable to acquire additional ice consistently, at reasonable time slots in our area
- b. Broomball ice time slots will be available until Thanksgiving (Saturdays)
- c. Embrun ice may still be available to us (Joey speaking with Brian Young) will need further investigation

U7 (nothing to report)

GHA Convenor (nothing to report)

Discipline, Risk and Safety

- a. VSC forms are taking about a month for turnaround, requesting push through socials - these are required before end of November
- b. CAPT Cares software is ready to go!
- c. New cold packs have been ordered

Equipment

- a. Updated Equipment Policy is in place
- b. Will start collecting team deposit when giving out equipment this season
- c. U11 - order for McDonalds sponsor went in January, arrived in July and already sorted - need to reconstitute garment bags before U11 season
- d. Game Pucks - Ordered for Warriors & Canucks from Howies (same as last year), still need to send expenses to JF
- e. Big Budget refresh for U9 and U13 Jerseys have been ordered, Kits for (4) U9 and (3) for U13.
- f. NEED to collect sponsor bars, line up the sponsors, get bars and sewing done - will work with Jamie for status
- g. Discussion re: sewing volunteer for sponsor bars, is this something we should be looking at putting out to the association



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- h. Rep B - Jerseys were not returned. Messaged Chris, and teams will leave a \$500 deposit going forward, kits required earlier. There was a request to store Rep Jerseys while Metcalfe is under renovation, we could accommodate with some work around
- i. May need more blue pucks, will investigate further

Sponsorship & Communication

- a. Working with some new sponsors this season! Includes Minto, Honeys and Bauder Hockey - Jeff Bauder may be interested in assisting with our Camps and Assessments, Player Development down the road
- b. Confirming returning Sponsors
- c. Not returning, Joey Abrams and Browns Counseling

Merchandise

- a. Board member shirt samples have been seen, email AI with size etc. - members can go directly to Russell Pro to see other options available

Webmaster

- a) Looking at updating our website

Special Events (vacant)

Round Table

- a. Update from Trish re: Old jerseys, the U9 and U11 jerseys have already been worn at a recent tournament
- b. Joey requesting all new members (and older) to read through our constitution and Bylaws



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Next Meeting Date; Wednesday September 18TH

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:16pm, Carrie Asselin - Second Jamie Cote, Carried