



**Russell Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
December 10th, 2024 - 7:00pm
Russell Arena, Meeting Room**

President	Matt Dickie	Director, U7	Ryan Licari
VP, House	Jon Gillard	Dir.; Ice Scheduler	Christie Brock
VP, Competitive	Chris Burns	Dir.; Equipment	Jason Gillies
Past President	Joey Abrams	Dir.; Merchandise	Al Carneau
Treasurer	J.F. Gagne	Dir.; Webmaster	Chris Stanton
Secretary	Carrie Asselin	Dir.; Special Events	Lore Goyette
Registrar	Shaunna Lucas	Convenor; U18-U21	Adam Olive
GHA Convenor	Tricia Zakaria	Convenor; U13-U15	Amanda Nixon
Dir.; Comm. & Sponsor	Jamie Gote	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 November 12th, 2024

Motion: Lore Goyette, Second: Josh Nixon, Carried

Business arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

- a. U21 Policy Update - will be brought forward at next meeting
- b. Team Fees Policy Update - will be circulated to Board for review

New Business

- **Rule of two**

- Clarification in regards to the rule, Hockey Canada requirements state that (2) screened individuals be present at all times in an open observable environment. Our association could be looked in on at any time to ensure we are making every effort to adhere to this policy. With regards to our own bench staff, could include having two Trainers on our roster in case one had to leave with an injured player. Our Coaches (level 2) should be the first one in the change room and the last to leave

- **Referees, Head Coach Communication**

- Referees will only speak with Head Coaches (not Assistant or Trainer) post game - Reminder that if an Assistant Coach receives a suspension, Head Coach is also suspended



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- **Referee Room**
 - Referee Room is completely off-limits to Coaches, Parents and Spectators - there have been (4) breaches reported across GHA this season

Executive Reports

President

- a. RMHA Team Updates: U13B “safe for now”, Blackburn U13C winning everything therefore all the teams will be looked into

VP; House

- a. Esso medals have been distributed
- b. Warrior jacket gift recipients have all submitted sizing

VP; Competitive (absent, email update received)

- a. U13 Canucks travel to Forest in January after winning Silver Stick - RMHA funding \$700 for their tournament fees
- b. Parents completed Mid-season Coach surveys, (3) teams will be having follow-up meetings for further discussion

Treasurer (absent)

Secretary (nothing to report)

Past President (absent)

Director Reports

Registrar

- a. Top-up fees for RMHA-hosted Canucks teams have been received
- b. Affiliation requests still being received, players can only be added to one team (officially rostered) per division



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- c. VSC's are still coming in (9) rosters have been finalized (all rosters approved with some bench staff status as pending VSC)
- d. November 30th deadline for coach certification has passed, two U7 coaches had yet to complete Coach 1 (in-person portion) but was able to secure spots for sold out program

Ice Scheduler

- a. Scheduling has been "easier" with less game switches occurring
- b. All teams on par with regards to practice expectations
- c. U7 ice time returns/switches should be arranged within their group primarily, before reaching out to other teams (not Scheduler) Ryan will address with U7 teams
- d. Player Development Update: (7) teams have used their distributed fees

U7

- a. Looking into practice/game ratio expectations - policy to be created
- b. Still short a few B teams for the upcoming Fun Day - Matt can assist with some contacts for potential team additions

GHA Convenor (nothing to report)

Discipline, Risk and Safety (nothing to report)

Equipment (absent)

Sponsorship & Communication (absent)

Merchandise (absent)

Webmaster

- a. Board member photos have been posted to our site
- b. Added "Coaching Made Easy" resource under the coaches tab



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Special Events

- a. Sponsorship plaques need to be ordered - will speak with MVP, have donated them in past as non-monetary sponsorship agreement. Website has current sponsors listed

Round Table

- a. Parents vs Kids games or similarly A vs B games - Not Allowed!
- b. Jon has been notified of U7 coach not participating in Fun Days etc, to be addressed
- c. Discussion re: player positions being added to Assessments next season, seems to be working with other teams (Blackburn for example) Shaunna will look into that option in our store

Next Meeting Date: Monday January 13th, 2025

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:21pm, Tricia Zakaria - Second: Chris Stanton, All in Favor, Carried