



**Russell Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2025 - 7:00pm
Russell Arena, Meeting Room**

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| President | Matt Dickie | Director, U7 | Ryan Licari |
| VP, House | Jon Gillard | Dir.; Ice Scheduler | Christie Brock |
| VP, Competitive | Chris Burns | Dir.; Equipment | Jason Gillies |
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| 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 Cote | Convenor; U9-U11 | Jolene Silva |
| Dir.; Disc. Risk and Safety | Josh Nixon | Coach Mentor | Vacant |

Call to Order and Attendance

Meeting start time, 7:04pm

Approval of Minutes from Meeting held

Motion: Shaunna Lucas, Second: Ryan Licari , Carried

New Business

- a. U9 update: Full ice starting January 15th, GHA has voted against U9 coaches being allowed on the ice
- b. Tournaments: Travel permits are required (new form available on our site) even when teams are hosting the tournament - Jon & Chris to verify links

Executive Reports

President (covered in New Business)

VP; House

- a. Coaches Tournament well received, (5) teams this year and (60) participants
- b. U11 tournament, lots of positive feedback, despite an initial mix up with the rules (wrong age group applied), Warriors U11B lost in the finals, U11C lost in the semi's - one complaint with regards to the officials was handled well, mentoring provided



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- c. U7 complaints with regards to the goalie sticks being too big and heavy will be addressed with Dir. Equipment
- d. Assessment Committee for 25/26 will soon be assembled - Matt wants Convenors to be included going forward
- e. Re: Coach Surveys and Player Report Cards, looking for feedback and ideas with regards to updating these documents
- f. Important Dates: Feb 15th, last day to add player affiliation and January 10th was last day to release player from official roster

VP; Competitive (absent)

Treasurer

- a. Outstanding fee transfer for Canucks players
- b. Suggesting legwork for budgets from existing board members instead of when the new board is sworn in, easier to make changes to existing rather than starting fresh next season

Secretary

- a. Adding Convenor Report section to the agenda going forward
- b. Future motion re: next season, to have Convenors be added as voting members

Past President (absent)

Director Reports

Registrar

- a. U9 affiliations can be submitted as of January 15th (only 2nd year can affiliate higher) - email format accepted, will send required format
- b. Shaunna joined HEO Working Group, meeting next week
- c. Working through updates for Refund Policy



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Ice Scheduler

- a. With U9 going full-ice, some practice ice has been lost - U9 games added on Sundays - Russell has (5) U9 teams compared to (4) last season
- b. Last two Sundays, Coyotes have not filled their allocated Russell ice times, even with photo evidence, the association is denying the allegations

U7

- a. Re: Fun Day, receipts to be sent to JF - a few teams dropped out last minute
- b. Quote for \$500 to replace the mini-stick boards (cost for supplies only as labor would be donated)
- c. Re: Games/Practice ratio policy, feedback from coaches, not well received - will look into this plan for next season
- d. Dilemma for team year end t-shirt gift (30) required, cost from Russell Pro was unaffordable for the team - manager found another option significantly lower in Embrun but unable to use Warriors logo due to our agreement with Steve - Matt suggests having Al reach out to Russell Pro another time with budget concerns before exploring different option - instead of logo usage, the team could potentially use the word "Warrior" or purchase different shirts and have Steve embroider - neither are ideal solutions but worth exploring

GHA Convenor

- a. January 31st, deadline for rescheduling

Discipline, Risk and Safety

- a. OPP is not approving VSC's for Team Managers, GHA suggests removing them from rosters - RMHA request letter should include wording such as "Supervisor" to prompt attention
- b. One player currently in CAPT

Equipment

- a. RMHA signage has been added to equipment locker



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- b. McDonalds order for U11's will be to replace "white" jerseys next season, going forward the "blue" jerseys will be replaced with Colorado Avalanche color scheme
 - Jon will provide expected projection numbers for next season - size options were limited this season, far too many XL/ SR jerseys in our package

Sponsorship & Communication (absent)

Merchandise (absent)

Webmaster

- a. Looking into pricing for tablets and printers, can be purchased using "Educational Discounts" \$469 iPads, (6) required to fulfil needs for Assessments - JF can work these into next season budget, suggests possibly finding additional sponsor for these requests

Special Events

- a. U11 Tournament went really well - looking for ideas/feedback on fun games, raffle type ideas for our tournaments going forward
- b. Need for tablets & printers for all RMHA events

Round Table

- a. Tryout jerseys were limited in smaller sizes this season, lots of bigger sizes in our inventory, quite a few players were "swimming" in the limited availability after the first groupings were assigned
- b. Jon has family connections with Cannon, will inquire about pricing for printers
- c. Convenor Update: U9 Full Ice will follow regular game play rules - Coach Mentor is available - one complaint received re: U9 team having extra practice time, but the event was funded with their own team fees raised

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm, Chris Stanto, Second: JF Gagne, Carried