



**Russell Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025 - 7:00pm
Russell Arena, Meeting Room**

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

Call to Order and Attendance

Regrets Received;

Tricia Zakaria, Al Garneau, Amanda Nixon, JF Gagne

Meeting start time: 7:03pm

Approval of Minutes from Meeting held March 20th, 2025

Motion: Shaunna Lucas, Second: Lore Goyette, Carried

Business arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

- a. Display cabinet, unable to gain access - option to pick lock or have the cabinets re-keyed. Matt will “get-in”, add sliding lock if necessary

New Business

- a. Convenor Roles and Job Descriptions; expectations need to be defined. Convenors from other associations were present at the GHA finals to assist with medal distribution, this should be done here. Overall need for more “Face Time”. Carrie will assist job description with input from Jon and Jolene (what is required and what is being done already)
- b. Ice Scheduler contact to be removed from membership access as this communication should be handled through our Convenors. More communication from Convenors in general, but particularly with regards to assessments instead of VP House
- c. Meeting Minutes “draft” to be sent out for review - copy will remain in Secretary folder until approved



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Executive Reports

President

- a. GHA meeting to be held later this week, will update as necessary
- b. RMHA went 3 for 3 GHA finals, Congratulations!
- c. Re: Assessment Committee - Matt to be added to all communications

VP; House

- a. Coach surveys sent out to membership, lots of positive feedback
- b. Has received most of the player surveys back from coaches already
- c. Not many responses with regards to award nominations - Jamie will post reminder on socials
- d. Budget for next season has been submitted, includes assessments and signage re: code of conduct and reminder for helmets past this point for the hallway
- e. Assessment Committee plan to meet May 14th, this will include Convenors and (5) confirmed participants at this time
- f. Drafting Year End message, similar to last season
- g. Supports round-table for Convenors re: coach selection
- h. Already receiving inquiries for new player registrations
- i. Struggling with GHA hearings involving our coaches, looking to foster a better relationship (what we can handle in-house) as volunteers feel they are being treated unfairly and don't want to return
- j. Asking for *new* coach suggestions
- k. Have not yet completed player projections for next season

VP; Competitive

- a. Overall successful season - U12 Canucks took the Championship which included a heavy Russell player presence



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- b. Every Canucks team (minus one) made improvements over the season - big turnaround for the U11 team in particular
- c. U16 team (2009's) took the Championship (Leitrim hosted) for the third time
- d. Call out for coach applications has been well received this season, already received (23) for (7) jobs! One received for every team, alot from Russell and younger age groups
- e. Deadline for applications closes Friday, interviews should begin by month end
- f. Year End Survey went out to parents, already received (73) responses out of (120) players
- g. Will coordinate the Russell hosted U11 and U13 jersey returns
- h. Metcalfe Arena renovations are not starting this year, we will not be storing the Canucks jerseys as planned - discussions around waiting until the new arena is built, we could be hosting all age groups at that point
- i. Still interested in hosting the U18 team in Russell, further discussion required - potential to make these games into 2-hour time slots to allow ice resurfacing before third period
- j. Seeking another term as VP Competitive

Treasurer (absent)

Secretary

- a. Updated Nomination form, will distribute to Board members for feedback prior to posting
- b. AGM information sheet has been created, waiting on confirmation from a few more board members to indicate their intentions on returning for another term

Past President (absent)

Director Reports

Registrar (nothing to report)



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Ice Scheduler (vacant)

U7

- a. Seeking another term as Director of U7
- b. Discussions re: game/practice ratio, should be implemented before next season, complaints reoccurring with too many travel games, 3:1 model

GHA Convenor (absent)

Discipline, Risk and Safety (nothing to report)

Equipment

- a. Will hold "office hours" for jersey collection, likely more than one day
- b. Equipment Locker has been broken into again, what are our options going forward:
 - look at purchasing a better more expensive lock
 - leave a key with rink staff
 - distribute pucks and pylons at beginning of season, coach responsibility, eliminate need for locker
- c. Ordered U11 jerseys and socks for next season

Sponsorship & Communication

- a. Fun Fact: the Warriors Facebook received 60k views in 28 days!

Merchandise (absent)

Webmaster (nothing to report)

Special Events (nothing to report)



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Convenor Reports

U9 - U11

- a. HEO reached out to all Convenors offering Coach Mentorship, unfortunately the gentleman failed to show up for our scheduled meeting, this has been reported back to HEO
- b. Parent inquiries about Esso Medals for this season, those were distributed by Jon a while back
- c. Parent inquiries for Coach Selection prior to Assessments - not well received amongst board members

U13 - U15 (absent)

U18 - U21 (nothing to report)

Round Table

- a. Matt motioned 72 hour response back from GHA re: timed suspensions or the suspension should be lifted - Not yet voted - some of these responses are taking too long, upwards of 10 days in some instances
- b. Reminder that anything with regards to Bylaw changes, need to be posted 30 days prior to AGM
- c. Discussion re: Convenors being added as voting members, general consensus is to keep them as liaisons, impartial representatives between board members and their age division groups
- d. Some concerns raised about the Assessment Committee's members - clarification required for transparency
- e. Adam will collect Championship banners

Next Meeting Date: May 25th post AGM

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:16pm, Chris Stanton - Second, Ryan Licari, Carried