

Whistler Minor Hockey Board Meeting – March 9, 2026

Location: MPSC

Attendance: Lon Martin, Nikki Gilmore, Lorelee Seitz, Tim Esnouf, Nate McIntyre, Laura Blumes, Allie Gilchrist, Dayna Birch, Norma Gonzalez.

Absent: Ainslie Conway, Nadia Demers

Call the meeting to order 6:33

Approval of the agenda Tim and Lon

Approval of the minutes as amended Lon and Nate

President Report

1. Attended a meeting to discuss/vote on U13

PCHA U13 Meeting where he voted in favour of U13 Superleague/Superflights

DOH Update - Dayna

1. Dayna has elected to be an academy coach of the North Shore Warriors Female Junior U18 Prep; currently Junior female team
2. Would still like to participate as DOH next season with WMHA
3. DOH perspective she is assuming all is good in all age groups; maybe not familiar with current development – thinks people are leaving her out of the conversations; ie: getting hair done and information shared with her
 - a. Future; CRM tool (platform online) can be used for workplace. Spordle is technically a CRM; also a Board TeamSnap
 - b. Feels left out of discussions on the U18 team last game issue; the rest of the Board said they had not been part of any discussions on this either as a whole. Some of the Board members are parents of the players on this Team; so they had additional details that the general membership did not have. This was not an exclusion of Dayna.

Resolution:

- Ensure all Board members on TeamSnap Board Group
- Governance training as a next step to ensure proper conversation are had on the proper platform, ie: emails/text/TeamSnap
- Review Google Workspace

Further review is needed before putting in place

4. Dayna completing team updates

5. Structure for development for next year (ideas); separate ice time for development and practice time; Dayna to prepare a proposed schedule for the Board as her contract ends in April .

Recruitment/Retention - Nate

1. U7/U9 like that they are in a peer group; but not liking that they are not touching the puck and getting beat 25-0
2. Next year discussion has been had to put them both into Minor;
3. Dayna thinks the issue was with U7 not U9; Nate spoke with Manager from U7 and a Dad and had U7 and U9
4. More discussions will be needed for next year
5. In schools, currently playing ball hockey during lunch hour in the gym; school not willing to have dedicated hockey only as there are other sports that should also have the chance.
6. Discussion about whether removing the house requirement first; focus on the younger teams to target recruitment
7. Create a committee to work on reviewing profile of the association and numbers to determine if the Association should be more rep focused or house focused; Dayna figures that this Association should be able to field both an A and a C team.
 - a. Tim, Nikki, Allie – Volunteered for the Committee
 - i. Develop a Strategic Plan
 - ii. Look out 5 years

Apparel – Logo Wear – Laura

1. Logo Wear – proceed as expected; standing logo wear; special order, limited edition; special designs – two order dates. Make it much simpler
2. Member Coms – put out a survey to families and team managers
 - a. Feedback on tournament
 - b. Tournament planning for next year
3. U9 only had red jerseys – do we want to get white jerseys
 - a. The XL jerseys have not been used; kids seem to be smaller
 - b. This could be a grant application – or sponsorship
 - c. Jersey's replaced every 5 years; 2 years remaining on these jerseys. Some discussion was had whether to wait and align the new white jersey order with the replacements for red.
 - d. Do other U9 teams have both colours?
 - e. Grads will get a new black jersey; if they want their current jersey they need to buy it
 - f. Name bars for U18 only will remain on the jerseys

Governance – Allie

1. Register for the course – needs to be done by September
2. Consent agendas
3. Norma will put report and agenda due dates, etc into calendar

Risk:

Confidential Issue discussed

Other:

1. AGM – What positions are needing to be to be elected – need to get communication out
2. Dayna's contract expires in April – she will submit a proposal to the Board.
3. Banquet – awards will be given for volunteers

Have coaches and Managers on the stage to give the pucks

Special recognition to these individuals who will be moving on from association as their player ages out.

Will get them a black jersey with their name and the year they completed service.

- Last year's ticket price: \$20 adults; \$10 for kids
 - Whistler Cooks will be doing the banquet again
 - Certificates for the players
 - Nikki to put together photo montage for the Banquet; Norma to send an email to the graduates to send photos
 - Scholarships – asked the Board if any members would like to present to the students
 - Goalie equipment hockey camp borrowing the equipment
 - SOPs in google drive – each Board Member needs to go in and review and **update for the next Board Meeting**
 - Change in Risk Management – Norma to take over the role of disciplinary (would be away from Risk) Would be 5 hours per week increase in the Budget; more discussion will be had.
4. Need to focus on Coaches – strong recruitment and check ins.
 5. Invite Kevin Sopp to the **next Board meeting** – delegation at the beginning of the meeting for 15 mins – Laura to talk to Kevin.
 6. Next Board Meeting – April 8, 2026

Adjourned 9:30pm