

WHISTLER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
(the “Association”)

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Association held at Meadow Park Sports Complex at 7:04 p.m. (Pacific Time) on March 7, 2023.

PRESENT:

Louise Tomcheck (LT), Peter Armistead (PA), Nadia Demers (ND), Todd Carter (TC), Michelle Gemmill (MG), Karen Davies (KD), Veronique Hamel (VH)

REGRETS:

Dawn Eade, Norma Gonzalez Felix, Chris McKinney,

BLOCK 1

A. Call to Order

Notice of the Meeting having been given to all the Directors of the Association, with the consent of the Meeting, Louise Tomcheck acted as Chair and Todd Carter acted as Recording Secretary.

B. Quorum and Declaration of Meeting

The Chair noted that a quorum of the Directors was present and declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

C. Approval of Agenda

The Chair advised the Meeting that the Agenda had been previously circulated to all members of the Board and was approved as presented. KS / PA

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of February 13, 2023 were approved as presented. KS / PA

BLOCK 2

E. President Report

Louise Tomcheck presented:

- Tons of success across Bear and Rep teams in recent play-offs, including moving on to provincials
- Recent division meetings for U13 and U15 well-attended by parents
- Confident we have the numbers to support A and C stream for U13

- Even with large numbers, minimal feathers were ruffled in U11 and U13
- Request for more robust try-out process ... preferably in the Spring

F. **Treasurer Report**

Nadia Demers reported highlights from the Treasurer and Financial reports.

- All sponsorship funds received
- Consider not spending \$\$ for accounting fees
- CEP pitch happened – up against ~40 others - find out soon

BLOCK 3

G. **2023 / 2024 U15**

- Lots of conversation around Bears v Whistler Rep – parent preference is Bears program
- Reminder that WMHA budget is based on 15 players (14 + 1)
- 20 skaters currently playing integrated will be U15 next season
- Also, two returning Bears and two skaters currently playing Rep outside Whistler ... but would return if there is a Bears program
- Still need to roster a healthy C team
- Two females currently integrated intend to try-out for Bears – if not, likely female C1
- Recommendation that minimum team size needs to be 13 + 1
- Bears try-outs are in May

Option A

- Assuming ~8 Whistler skaters to Bears ... plus goalie
- That would leave ~14 skaters plus goalie for house team
- WMHA can't afford to give up ice time if low number of Whistler skaters on the Bears team

Option B

- Two Bears teams means up to 12 Whistler skaters ... plus one goalie

Option C

- No Bears team(s) and instead A and C integrated teams

H. **April Priorities**

- Whistler Conference Centre would cost \$11K
- Some enthusiasm to improve the banquet experience
- Will explore alternatives for 2024 banquet
- Whistler Secondary has space limitations so we can't invite Bears participants

- Confirm registration fees at next budget meeting
- Coaches event planned for April 20th at Earl's

I. May Priorities

- Working on Power Skating timing

J. June Priorities

- Exploring U11, U13 and U15F tryouts in June
- Ice is being held
- Need application to BC Hockey 45 days prior for approval
- Have to leave ability for new registrations to challenge for spots in September
- Need to have coaches in place before-hand
- Jesse tentative for U13 A and U15F C1
- Amanda hoping for Bears gig so may not be back

P. Termination of Meeting

- Meeting adjourned: 8:31 pm
- Next Meeting: March 27, 2023, 7:00 pm at MPSC