

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 7:01 p.m. (Pacific Time) on June 26, 2023.

PRESENT:

Louise Tomcheck (LT), Nadia Demers (ND), Todd Carter (TC), Peter Armistead (PA), Norma Gonzalez Felix NGF), Chris McKinney (CM), Kevin Sopp (KS), Trish Nagakawa (TN), Wade Sutton (WS), Karen Davies (KS)

REGRETS:

Veronique Hamel, Jordan Harvey

BLOCK 1

A. Call to Order and Quorum and Declaration of Meeting

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.

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

B. 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 amended. (PA/CM)

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of April 24, 2023 were approved as presented. (PA/KS)

BLOCK 2

D. President Report

- Louise Tomchek reported that she and Kevin Sopp attended a marathon PCAHA meeting in May. Primary takeaway is no longer U6 or U8 division. Starting this coming year, will be consolidated with U7 and U9 ... but grouped on skills by the association and constrained by registration numbers.

E. Treasurer Report

- Nadia Demers reported early registration numbers are looking good.
- Gaming grant has been submitted – expect response by September 23rd.
- Need to track down \$20K for jersey sponsorship. Kevin Sopp will lead with support from others around the table.
- Need to confirm if Michelle Gemmell will lead fundraising event and suggested to also engage with Jeremy Robb.

BLOCK 3

F. Risk Manager

- Aaron Hoverd has volunteered for the Risk Manager position vacated by Peter Armistead. After discussion, motion to appoint and carried unanimously. (LT/PA)

G. Draw Winner

- WMHA received 136 registrations before June 10th and Annie Akehurst wins the random draw.

H. Director of Hockey

- Leveraging Squamish RFP for DoH position. Need to edit for specific WMHA requirements. Board comments by July 2nd.
- Support for commitment to two-year term with understanding WMHA has surplus cash reserves in the event gaming grants are not sufficient to cover the incremental expense.

I. Season Start-Up

- Ice booked for Back to Hockey camps but need coaches. Maybe use older kids as on-ice helpers.
- Miles not available for goalie camps going forward.
- Maintain price at \$100. Sessions start at 3:30.
- Ice secured for try-outs on the weekend of September 9th. Evaluators need to be confirmed.
- Skills session and two games. No schedule yet.
- Ice reserved on 7th and 11th for Bears.
- Regular season ice starts on September 11th.

J. Registration

- Currently sitting at 146 and only missing about 20 returning players net of families that are leaving Whistler.

- U9 will have to be closed at 18 but would open again at 26, which enables transition to two teams.
- U11 has healthy numbers. U11C closed at 17. U11 Rep needs to retain all 13 registered players, including the three females.
- May be able to accommodate a U11F team but registration numbers still at least five short even with three U9 playing up. Noted that a U11F team would play in “West” division of Lions Gate League so still potential games in Richmond and Delta ... but not in the Fraser valley.
- U13 will be two teams up to 17+2. Currently 26 indicating Rep, including three goalies, and 8 indicating house.
- U15 is the most challenging division with still much uncertainty until pending registrations and Bears’ releases are resolved.
- U15C numbers are low – currently at 9 with no goalie. Could pull from U13 where we have numbers?
- U15F may end up with too much for one team but not enough for two teams – currently 16 registered with 9 pending.
- U15 Bears will not affiliate from U13.
- U18C is closed based on returning players and anticipated Bears’ releases.

K. Other Business

None

L. Termination of Meeting

- Meeting adjourned: 8:54 pm
- Next Meeting: August 14, 2023, 7:00 pm